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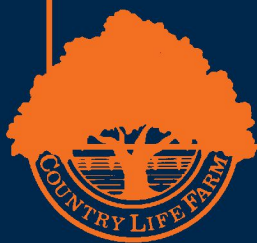
The only Preakness runner with a local pedigree was multiple stakes winner Malibu Moonshine, sired by Country Life stallion Malibu Moon, also the sire of champion Declan's Moon and four other stakes winners in his first two crops.

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Jeremy Rose raises his whip in exultation after Afleet Alex outfinishes Scrappy T. Photograph by Stuart Haman.

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Purchased for \$75,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale and trained by Marylander Tim Ritchey, Cash is King Stable's colt soared to victory after a near-disastrous stumble. Story by Sean Clancy. [Page 16](#)

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Three-Year-Olds

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Oct./Nov.	Find H (T)	\$50,000-guaranteed	1 1/8 mi.
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September	Alma North H	\$50,000-guaranteed	6 1/2 fur.
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Colonial Downs

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Delaware Park

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P.O. Box 188, Timonium, Md. (410) 252-0200. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Aug. 27 to Sept. 5.

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Bay Meadows—Sept. 3 to Oct. 16

Belmont Park—May 4 to July 24

Calder Race Course—April 25 to Dec. 31

Churchill Downs—April 30 to July 10

Del Mar—July 20 to Sept. 7

Delta Downs—Oct. 6 to Dec. 31

Ellis Park—July 13 to Sept. 5

Finger Lakes—April 15 to Nov. 29

Golden Gate—Oct. 19 to Dec. 19

Hawthorne—Sept. 23 to Dec. 31

Hollywood Park—April 22 to July 17; Nov. 9 to Dec. 19

Horsemen's Park—July 14 to July 17

Keeneland—Oct. 7 to Oct. 29

Kentucky Downs—Sept. 17 to Sept. 27

Lone Star Park—April 14 to July 17

Louisiana Downs—April 29 to Oct. 9

Mountaineer Park—Jan. 15 to Dec. 27

Prairie Meadows—April 21 to July 4; July 8 to Sept. 24

River Downs—April 8 to Sept. 5

Sam Houston—Oct. 26 to Dec. 23

Santa Anita—Sept. 28 to Nov. 6

Saratoga—July 27 to Sept. 5

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Eastern Fall Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium Sales Pavilion, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. Oct. 3-5.
December Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium Sales Pavilion, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. Dec. 4, 5.

OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

Selected Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 225-1555. July 18, 19.
Saratoga Selected Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton New York, Inc., Saratoga Springs, NY. (518) 584-4700. Aug. 9, 10.
Premier Yearling Sale, New York Breeders Sales, Saratoga Springs, NY. (518) 587-1555. August 11, 12.
Saratoga Preferred Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton New York, Inc., Saratoga Springs, NY. (518) 584-4700. Aug. 14, 15.
Selected Sale of Yearlings, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Aug. 22.
Open Sale of Yearlings, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Aug. 23-25.
Texas Summer Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Texas, Inc., Lone Star Park, Grand Prairie, Tex. (972) 262-0000. Aug. 29, 30.
September Yearling Sale, Keeneland, Lexington, Ky. (800) 456-3412. Sept. 12-24.
Fall Mixed Sale, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Oct. 10-13.
Kentucky Fall Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Inc. Lexington, Ky. (859) 225-1555. Oct. 24, 25.

NSA SUMMER/FALL MEETS

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Colonial Downs, New Kent, Va. June 16-Aug. 9.
Philadelphia Park, Bensalem, Pa. July 23.
Saratoga Open House, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. July 24.
Saratoga, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. July 28-Sept. 1.
Shawan Downs, Butler, Md. Sept. 24.
Foxfield, Charlottesville, Va. Sept. 25.
Virginia Fall, Middleburg, Va. Oct. 1, 2.
Genesee Valley, Geneseo, NY. Oct. 8.
Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Oct. 8.
Philadelphia Park, Bensalem, Pa. Oct. 9.
International Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. Oct. 15.

Far Hills, Far Hills, NJ. Oct. 22.
Oak Ridge, Lynchburg, Va. Oct. 23.
Aiken Fall, Aiken, S.C. Oct. 29.
Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga. Nov. 5.
Montpelier, Montpelier Station, Va. Nov. 5.
Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, Unionville, Pa. Nov. 6.
Charleston, Charleston, S.C. Nov. 13.
Colonial Cup, Camden, S.C. Nov. 20.

FALL POINT-TO-POINTS

Glenwood Races, Middleburg, Va. Sept. 10.
Thornton Hill Hounds, Sperryville, Va. Sept. 17.
Oak Ridge, Lovingsston, Va. Oct. 25.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey Yearling, Mare and Foal Show, Horse Park of New Jersey, Allentown, N.J. (732) 870-9718. Aug. 21.

REGIONAL RACE DAYS

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races, Philadelphia Park, Bensalem, Pa. (610) 444-1050; www.pabred.com. July 23.
New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival, Monmouth Park, Oceanport, N.J. (732) 870-9718; www.njbreds.com. Sept. 17.
Maryland Million, Laurel Park, Laurel, Md. (410) 252-2100; www.marylandmillion.com. Oct. 8.
West Virginia Breeders Classics, Charles Town, Charles Town, W.Va. (800) 795-7001; e-mail: wvbcmbn@erols.com. Oct. 8.

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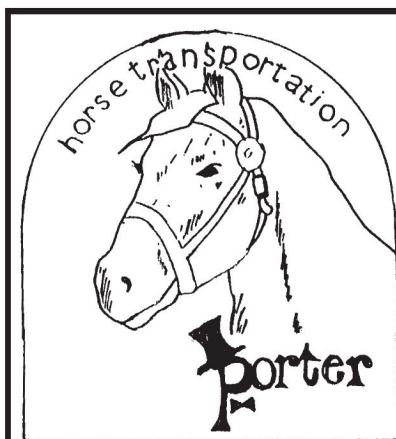
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Tiffany Auguillard, an 11th grader at Western High School in Baltimore, won the grand prize in the sixth annual Preakness Portraits Youth Art Contest. Students from 12 Pimlico area schools were invited to create artwork showing the significance of the Preakness Stakes to Maryland history, while also capturing the spirit of Thoroughbred racing. The artwork had to include Preakness-related images.

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Developed by Bethesda Softworks of Rockville, Md., the game, to be called Breeders' Cup, will be compatible with the PlayStation2 computer entertainment system and the Xbox video game system. It is scheduled for release in September.

Races are called by Tom Durkin, the voice of the Breeders' Cup. The game's races take place at a variety of NTRA-member race tracks, including Aqueduct, Belmont

Park, Del Mar, Emerald Downs, Keeneland, Monmouth Park, Oaklawn Park, Sam Houston Race Park, Saratoga and Woodbine.

Players can breed, train, race and wager on their own horses in Breeders' Cup. Also included in the game are real-life Thoroughbred stars such as Man o' War, Seabiscuit, Ruffian, Personal Ensign, Winning Colors, Silver Charm, Tiznow, Funny Cide and Smarty Jones. The 2004 Horse of the Year, Ghostzapper, will appear on the cover of Breeders' Cup.

Bethesda Softworks is a premier developer and publisher of interactive entertainment software, and has produced numerous award-winning titles, most recently with the 2002 PC and Xbox Game of the Year, *The Elder Scrolls III: Morrowind*.

PIMLICO PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS AT ALIBI BREAKFAST

Dick Jerardi of the *Philadelphia Daily News* won Pimlico's David F. Woods Memorial Award, given annually for the best story written about the previous year's Preakness.

The award was presented at Pimlico's traditional Alibi Breakfast, two days before the Preakness.

Also honored at the breakfast were Jay Privman

of the *Daily Racing Form* and Scott Garceau of WMAR-TV, who received Old Hilltop Awards for excellence in covering Thoroughbred racing; Gary Hershorn of Reuters, the Jerry Fruttkoff Preakness Photography Award; jockey Rick Wilson, honorary postmaster for this year's Preakness; and jockey Jerry Bailey, Special Award of Merit.

—PENSIONERS ON PARADE—

LOVE AND KISSES, ALWAYS AND ALWAYS: TWO LAST LOVES

Maryland horsewoman Linell Smith bought a piece of history 10 years ago when she acquired two broodmares from the estate of her neighbor Harry A. Love.

Love, who died at 87 in 1995, held a reputation as one of Maryland's savviest breeders, his many accomplishments including arranging the mating that produced 1985 Kentucky Derby winner Spend a Buck.

Smith bred a total of six foals from Love's mares Love and Kisses (1977, Viceregal—Many Thanks, by T. V. Lark) and Always and Always (1978, One For All—Miss Manalapan, by *Gallant Man), but the pleasure of owning the two “grand dames” has gone beyond their contributions to Smith's breeding program.

Both now pensioned, the mares “really come as a pair,” said Smith, although technically she no longer owns Love and Kisses. Smith gave Love and Kisses to veterinarian Mike Harrison five years ago, with the understanding that she will return to Smith's Belfast Farm in Sparks, Md., when Harrison is ready to give her up. Love and Kisses, who needed “a lot of vet work” toward the end of her broodmare career, produced her 14th—and final—named foal, the Valley Crossing filly Sassy Love, in 2001, and now spends her days babysitting yearlings at Harrison's Wilowdale Farm in Butler, Md.

Love and Kisses had nine foals to race, and all were winners. Three of her offspring—New Jersey Hunt Cup winner Western Run (1985, Providential-Ire), Do You Mind (1984, Broadway Forli) and Harry's Last Love (1994, Oh Say)—each earned more than \$100,000.

Love and Kisses descends from one of racing's most distinguished female lines, as a great-great-granddaughter of *Boudoir II. Her great-granddam was Your Hostess (by *Alibhai), dam of T. V. Commercial and Coraggioso, a full sister to Your Host and ancestress of numerous stakes winners, including champions Crowned Prince, Hippodamia and Caracolero, and Kentucky Derby/Preakness winners Majestic Prince and champion Real Quiet.

*Boudoir II was briefly owned by Love and his late wife Peggy, who bought her at age 22 and boarded her in Kentucky until her death three years later.

Love and Kisses raced as a homebred for Virginian Peggy Augustus and her Keswick Stables, achieving only modest success in three years on the track, with four wins and placings from 22 starts, and earnings of \$18,435. Love bought her privately when she had finished racing.

“Love and Kisses has held her looks amazingly well,” said Smith. “She looks terrific—for a 28-year-old mare who actually delivered 15 foals (one of whom went unnamed).”



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS (2)

Maryland breeder Harry A. Love's longtime producers Always and Always and Love and Kisses (from top) are cared for by Linell Smith and Mike Harrison. Love and Kisses carried on a distinguished female line.

Always and Always, one year younger, nearly died delivering her last foal, a Fuzzbuster filly named Belinda, in 2002, recounted Smith.

“She shows her 15 foalings,” said Smith. “But Always and Always has always been such a lady. She's reserved but, like Love and Kisses, she has a very sweet disposition, and she was a wonderful mother.”

Always and Always was bred by Love, who purchased her dam, Miss Manalapan, for \$46,000 at the 1974 Keeneland Fall sale. Miss Manalapan was carrying her first foal, the Key to the Mint filly Fondre, at the time. A five-time stakes winner and graded-placed earner of \$227,340, Fondre was sold by Love for \$31,000 at the Keeneland Fall Yearling

sale. She was the best of Miss Manalapan's 14 named foals.

Always and Always won once in eight starts, and earned \$6,600, but improved considerably on that record as a broodmare. Among her 14 named foals were stakes performers Saycaseysribs, a 1994 son of Oh Say who won the Ocean Hotel Stakes and was twice stakes-placed, earning \$111,040, and Concerned (1988, Highland Blade), who finished second in the 1996 Virginia Gold Cup.

“Harry's horses tended to have that versatility,” observed Smith. “A lot of them could run on the flat and over jumps. He had an amazing way of selecting breeding and seeing the inside of a horse.”

And, it might be added, keeping them well-loved.

MID-ATLANTIC REPORT

INTERNATIONAL TRADE DELEGATIONS VISIT MARYLAND

A gathering of 34 horsemen from Korea, China and the Philippines visited Maryland for a week in May, touring farms and businesses, and attending the Preakness and Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale.

Three Korean groups purchased a total of more than 20 horses at the sale, reported Nancy Wallace, director of international marketing for the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA).

The visit was part of a continuing effort by the MDA to

market horses internationally. It was the first time that a delegation of Filipino horsemen has visited Maryland.

Among those taking part in the tour was Jaime Dilay, chairman of the Philippine Racing Commission. "We are definitely planning to buy horses in Maryland [in the future]," said Dilay. "We want to upgrade our breeding industry. There are plenty of stallions in the Philippines, many from the U.S., but the quality is not high."

THOROUGHBRED CHARITIES OF AMERICA DISTRIBUTES MORE THAN \$1.2 MILLION

Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) has approved grants of \$1,227,000 for 2005. The grants have been awarded to 112 equine charities that provide a better life for Thoroughbreds, both during and after their racing careers, by supporting retirement, rescue and research and by helping the people who work with them.

This year's TCA grants distribution is believed to be the largest ever in the Thoroughbred industry. This is the fifth consecutive year that TCA has approved grants totaling more than \$1 million. TCA has issued more than \$10 million in grants in its 15-year history.

TCA focuses on support of horse rescue, retirement, medical research, therapeutic riding programs, scholarships and rehabilitation for people who work at the race track or on horse farms. Most of the funds are generated through the auction of donated stallion seasons, artwork and memorabilia at TCA's annual auction and gala dinner.

This year's auction and gala will take place December 3 at CandyLand Farm in Middletown, Del., with a simultaneous auction held at Cross Gate Gallery in Lexington, Ky. TCA will also stage a charity golf tournament and Las Vegas night on August 16 at the Saratoga National Golf Club in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

For more information, call Liz Harris at (859) 312-5531, e-mail liz@speedbeam.com or visit www.thoroughbredcharities.org.

CORRECTION

Sales information on sprint champion Artax was incorrect in the feature article on agent Buzz Chace published in the April issue of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*.

Artax was purchased for \$82,000 as a weanling at the 1995 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale.

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred regrets the error.

GAGLIANO RESIGNS FROM PIMLICO/LAUREL

James L. (Jim) Gagliano has resigned from his post, less than a year after taking over as the executive vice-president of racing operations for the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC).

Gagliano, who had continued to maintain a resi-

dence with his family in New Jersey while commuting to the Maryland tracks, said his work schedule was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain.

Gagliano's duties will be taken over by current MJC staff.

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STEP BALL

Racing Hall of Fame jockey Ted Atkinson died on May 5 at his home in Beaver Dam, Va. He was 88.

Mr. Atkinson rode from 1938 to 1959. In addition to being the only rider for the legendary Tom Fool, he rode Bold Ruler, Busher, Coaltown, Devil Diver and the great Maryland-bred mare Gallorette, all members of racing's Hall of Fame, as well as champions Capot, High Voltage and Misty Morn. He won 3,795 of 23,661 career races while competing at tracks in New York, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, and in New England. He was the contract rider for Greentree Stable for half of his career.

A member of the Virginia Equine Hall of Fame, Mr. Atkinson was the nation's leading jockey by money earned and races won in 1944 and in '46, when he became the first jockey whose mounts earned more than \$1 million in a single year. A native of Toronto, Mr. Atkinson began riding competitively at age 21, making his debut at Charles Town.

Mr. Atkinson was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1957, the same year he was bestowed the George Woolf Memorial Award. He was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2002.

KAY ERIC JENSEN

Retired trainer Kay Eric Jensen, believed to be the only rider to win a steeplechase and flat race on a single card, died on May 13 at his home in Warrenton, Va. He was 86.

A native of Denmark, Mr. Jensen said his grandfather took him out of his baby carriage and put him on a horse before he learned to walk. By age 6, he rode his first horse in the show ring. Mr. Jensen was the leading flat rider in Denmark for two years and Sweden's leading rider for five years (1943 to '47). He rode and trained horses for Sweden's King Gustav, and won the Swedish Derby aboard Fatima in 1945.

In 1948, at the age of 29 and weighing 107 pounds, Mr. Jensen came to America, having ridden 260 winners in Scandinavia. He became the contract rider for W.G. (Billy) Jones, trainer of Apheim Stable. Later that year, at old

Belmont Park, Mr. Jensen rode winners on both the steeplechase course and the flat track on a single card.

In 1949, Mr. Jensen gave up riding only because Marshall Cassidy, the executive secretary of The Jockey Club, informed him that he could not hold both a trainer's and jockey's license. He started training horses for Harry Heiman, a New York auto dealer, and later trained for owners such as Major Herman Scholtz and George L. Ohrstrom Jr.

Mr. Jensen's first winner was Rippling Hit at Gulfstream Park. He would go on to train solid runners such as Whitney Stakes winner Warhead, High Hat, He's Vivacious, Liz Taylor and Heron Cove. His best horse, however, was Golden Don, a six-time graded stakes winner in the mid-1970s.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Bland Greene Jensen, a native of Warrenton, Va., who served as his assistant trainer.



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Why Pennsylvania is moving slowly toward slots

Where, oh where, are Pennsylvania's slot machines?

The slots initiative in the Keystone State can be compared to a horse who has survived a grueling race to cross the finish line in first place, and is now awaiting the outcome of a foul claim.

July 5, 2005, marked the first anniversary of Governor Ed Rendell's historic signing of a bill authorizing as many as 61,000 slot machines throughout the state, with race track purses, the breeders' fund and horsemen's organizations collectively slated to receive approximately 12 percent of the gross revenues from most slots facilities.

It is an awe-inspiring prospect, certain to dramatically alter the landscape within the Mid-Atlantic racing industry and beyond.

But the fate of the slots law is now in the hands of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, which has heard arguments on a lawsuit brought by several anti-gaming groups.

The court case does not take aim directly at slots; instead, it challenges the process by which the state legislature passed the slots bill. The process that was used is common practice in Pennsylvania and in other state legislative bodies. To speed up passage, the Senate amended a bill that already had been authorized by the House of Representatives. The slots language was cleared by the Senate as an amendment to a bill dealing with the Racing Commission's fingerprinting procedures. It then went back to the House, which swiftly voted its approval.

The court (itself an elected group) is under no obligation to render its decision anytime soon. Meanwhile, the situation remains politically charged. A ruling that affects the way the legislature conducts its business will naturally raise the ire of its members.

The state has moved ahead with the establishment of its Gaming Control Board, mandated in the law. The seven-member board met for the first time in December, has conducted regular monthly meetings since then, and has promulgated temporary regulations. Its chairman is Thomas (Tad) Decker, a 58-year-old corporate attorney who also currently serves on the board of the Delaware River Port Authority.

Still, the Gaming Control Board is awaiting the outcome of the Supreme Court case before hiring an executive director and legal counsel.

That's where Pennsylvania stands at the moment with regard to slots. Here, as in other states, it's not about horse racing—but all about politics. ✱



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AFLEET ALEX: RISING LEGEND

by Sean Clancy

It's simple. You're either up or you're down. The body reacts—an instant cringe—heels sink, hands tighten, back goes rigid. If you're up, it's quicker than a hiccup, and you get back to riding, no time to think about what just happened. If you're down, you try to get small so the rest of the field doesn't hit you flush.

Afleet Alex and Jeremy Rose should have been down—were down—when Scrappy T jolted to the right as they spun out of Pimlico's far turn on May 21.

Horses clip heels every day—this was a shoulder block.

Somehow, Afleet Alex stayed on his feet, stabbing his right front leg in the ground like a pole vaulter, tail straight up for balance, nose inches from the ground. In half a stride, he was down, like a lawn dart. The next half he was up, barely a blip in his locomotive stride, on his way to an emphatic score in the 130th Preakness.

Owned by Cash is King Stable and trained by Tim Ritchey, Afleet Alex sped off to win by four and three-quarters lengths over Scrappy T, with Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo another five lengths back in third.

A record crowd of 115,318 saw the race, the stumble, the recovery.

It's how legends are made.

Not that Afleet Alex needed props. His story had it all, long before he played Lazarus in the Preakness.

A surrogate mother, a band of neophyte owners, a hard-scrabble trainer, a pesky jockey and a lemonade stand.

Afleet Alex's dam Maggy Hawk couldn't produce milk, so breeder John Martin Silverland's then 9-year-old daughter Lauren gave the foal his first nourishment from a bottle. Twelve days later, a nurse mare was found, and Afleet Alex thrived like any other foal on Silverland's Florida farm.

Consigned to the 2004 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale at Timonium, Afleet Alex attracted Mid-Atlantic trainer Tim Ritchey, who had an order from a new client. Chuck Zacney had called Ritchey in the fall of 2003 to say he wanted to get in the game.

Ritchey, who gets calls like this all the time, gave Zacney his number and figured he'd never hear from him again. In April, Zacney called Ritchey and they went to lunch.

"We hit it off," Ritchey said. "He's a really nice guy, and we think a lot alike on a lot of things. I wasn't really taking on new clients but I said, 'Yeah, absolutely, we'll claim a horse, buy some horses, whatever you want.'"

"It's fate. I believe in luck, fate and destiny," Ritchey added.

Zacney, from Upper Providence, Pa., had put together a five-member syndicate, Cash is King Stable, in April 2004. All five owners live in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Zacney, 44, the stable's managing partner, is the founder, owner and president of The Sirrus Group, a regional medical billing company based in Oreland, Pa. He and his wife Carol have a 6-year-old son, Alex, and daughters Amanda (19) and Casey (9).

The other members of the group are Robert Brittingham of Collegeville, Pa., and Joseph Lerro of Langhorne, Pa., both of whom work in real estate; Joseph Judge, a New Jersey resident who is director of patient accounts for Lourdes Health Services in Riverside, N.J.; and Jennifer Reeves of Philadelphia, vice-president of The Sirrus Group.

Zacney went to Timonium with Ritchey to buy a race horse. Ritchey loved Hip 559, consigned by Robert Scanlon, a bay colt by the third-crop sire

"They said his nose was six inches from the ground. I only watched the replay twice and I had to stop—I couldn't watch it any more. How fast are his reflexes to flick those legs out and save himself? That had to be quicker than any magician could make a coin disappear. We'll see that replay for the rest of our lives. He was carrying some of the racing world on his back right there. I feel proud to be a part of him, Alex. He's the star, all I have to do is keep him healthy and fit, and ride his coattails." Tim Ritchey



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Giacomo (outside) rushed up for a half-length victory in the Kentucky Derby, as Closing Argument held on for second. Afleet Alex (on rail) was third.



STUART HAMAN

High Limit (second from right) and Going Wild (green cap, foreground) vied for the early lead in the tightly bunched Preakness field, with Scrappy T pressing the pace on the rail. Afleet Alex saved ground in the rear.

Northern Afleet out of the Hawkster mare Maggie Hawk. A full brother, Unforgettable Max, won \$162,964 and hit the board in two graded stakes.

Ritchey raised his hand at \$75,000—thinking he wasn't even halfway there—and the hammer fell. It was May 18, 2004.

"He was tops on my list. I had four colts picked out, and he was number one," Ritchey said. "I didn't think I'd get him bought, to tell you the truth. I just waited for him and thought we'd have to go a lot higher than \$75,000."

Ritchey shipped the stout colt to his barn at Delaware Park, and had him ready to roll for his debut, six weeks after the sale. Ridden by Jeremy Rose, Afleet Alex won a Delaware Park maiden special weight by 11¼ lengths.

Rose, a standout high school wrestler from Bellafonte, Pa., who started riding races in 2000, knew Afleet Alex was special

from the day the horse popped his head over the screen in stall 14 in Ritchey's barn.

"He was as lead-pipe a cinch as I've ever sat on. I figured I could get left in the gate, fall off, and he'd drag me around there and still win," Rose said last summer. "From the first day, he felt beautiful. He has an eye that you can see there's some thinking in there, but not too much thinking. He's always been perfect in everything. He relaxes and finishes."

Afleet Alex relaxed and finished in a subsequent double-digit allowance score, and then wheeled into Saratoga, winning the Sanford-G2 and the Grade 1 Hopeful.

In the fall, Afleet Alex finished second in the Grade 1 Champagne and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Stakes, and ultimately lost the Eclipse Award to Declan's Moon.

As his friend John Servis did with Smarty Jones in 2004, Ritchey opted for Oaklawn

“He came back [after the race], he was bopping his ball around the stall and looking for peppermints. He ate everything. He’s a hell of a horse. Absolutely amazing.” Tim Ritchey

THREE IN A ROW FOR MID-ATLANTIC TRAINERS

For the third straight year, the Preakness was dominated by a trainer with Mid-Atlantic connections. In 2003, it was Barclay Tagg, for many years based in Maryland before he moved to New York, with Funny Cide. In 2004, Philadelphia Park-based John Servis won with Smarty Jones. This year, Tim Ritchey had Afleet Alex.

Little-known outside their local tracks, the trainers made good on their first forays into the highest echelon of the sport. Tagg, Servis and Ritchey had some things in common. First, they each had a fast horse. Second, they had years of experience. Third, they stuck to what got them there.

“I always thought the racing around here was tremendous,” noted Ritchey. “There’s a lot of good race tracks and a lot of good horsemen. Barclay’s been around horses all his life, John’s been around horses all his life and so have I. Like me, they have a passion for the business.”

Ritchey’s passion for the business began with his first horse at Waterford Park (now Mountaineer Park) and it continues to blossom with about 60 horses stabled predominantly at Delaware Park. Ritchey stuck to his instincts with Afleet Alex, often sending the horse out twice a day—early in the morning for a leg-stretching jog, later in the morning for a more strenuous gallop.

“You have to train them. Whether they’re worth millions

or thousands, they’re athletes, and they have to be trained,” Ritchey said. “You have to do what you think is best—no matter what criticism you get—and I got a lot. I knew in my heart and mind that this is what this horse needed and I wasn’t going to change. Any young trainers out there, you have to do your own thing, make your own path. You can get advice from other people and pick their brains, but ultimately it’s what you think is right for your horse.”

The media homes in on trainers during the Triple Crown. They couldn’t understand Tagg’s reticence; they were ready to pounce when Servis stuck with jockey Stewart Elliott and shipped to Keeneland before the Derby; and they questioned Ritchey’s two-a-days. At least until Afleet Alex soared through the Preakness.

“I’ve prepared for 30 years to get horses like this,” Ritchey said. “Running horses at cheaper race tracks prepares you for a lot of things you use. The first horse I trained, I trained twice a day. A horse named General G was eased the day I claimed him. He had big ankles. What do you do? I trained him twice a day, and he won a bunch of races going a mile and a quarter.”

From General G to Afleet Alex, it’s been a long and sometimes winding road for Ritchey. As for all trainers, there were days when it didn’t seem worth it.

“I quit for a month one time, in the early ’80s. I had



Tim Ritchey, on Te Beau, accompanies Afleet Alex and exercise rider Salamon Diego on the track at Pimlico.

a bunch of terrible horses, I had one son at the time, and I thought I have to do something or we’ll all starve,” Ritchey said. “I went to work for my father selling auto parts and that drove me nuts. I couldn’t do that at all. To heck with this, I went back to the race track and started galloping and bought one horse.”

For Ritchey, Afleet Alex was a statement for himself and all the trainers not named Bob Baffert or Wayne Lukas.

“It says that anything is possible. I felt for Tony Dutrow,

who had High Limit and had him yanked away. I was glad my owners stuck with me and didn’t send him to Baffert or Lukas,” Ritchey said. “There are tons of tons of trainers out there who could do it if they get the horse. They have the experience, they have the knowledge. Some might not handle the pressure as well as others, but they’re still going to get the job done. You have to have the horse. Period.”

/Sean Clancy



Afleet Alex and Jeremy Rose were alone at the wire, scoring by a near-unbelievable four and three-quarters lengths.

Park and a spring campaign that would climax with the Triple Crown.

After his colt suffered rough trips in the Champagne and the Breeders' Cup, Ritchey went for experience, replacing Rose with 2004 Eclipse Award-winning jockey John Velazquez. Rose, 26, took the news graciously, and went to Oaklawn, riding races for Ritchey and breezing Afleet Alex as if he were still his horse.

Afleet Alex won the six-furlong Mountain Valley, under Rose, before going off as the favorite in the Rebel Stakes-G3 under Velazquez. Afleet Alex retreated like a whipped dog in the Rebel, finishing last. A lung infection was blamed, but Velazquez was gone—opting for the Todd Pletcher-trained Bandini in the Blue Grass—and Rose was back.

The Arkansas Derby-G2 was always tagged as Afleet Alex's final prep and after the Rebel debacle, it was his last chance to get back on track for the Derby. Afleet Alex bolted home by eight lengths, setting him up as a legitimate threat in the Derby.

The 20-horse Derby field encased Afleet Alex, who sat comfortably in the middle of the pack before making a rally that couldn't quell the stamina of Closing Argument and Giacomo. Afleet Alex lost by a length. It was Giacomo's day.

A late-running son of Holy Bull, Giacomo had two horses behind him on the first turn in the Derby, but that's exactly where you had to be on that day.

The Derby triggered more speed than a night card at Los Alamitos. One by one, they retreated while Giacomo threaded his way through the field like the tail of a kite on a windy day.

At 50-1, Giacomo upset the Derby. Owned by Jerry and Ann Moss, the gray colt entered the Derby still eligible for a first-level allowance race. He left as the only horse who

"It would have been devastating, as far as him getting hurt, Jeremy getting hurt, Scrappy T getting hurt. There would have been a lot of people who wouldn't have ever wanted to watch horse racing again. It would have been a devastating thing to occur. It didn't happen. It helped in a way to bring the attention to racing fans that these horses and riders are superior athletes. Anybody who watched it had to be amazed. I know the horse, and I was amazed." Tim Ritchey

could be the Triple Crown winner.

For 39-year-old jockey Mike Smith, the win was sweet satisfaction for time served on a long and bumpy ride to the top. Smith rode Holy Bull in the 1994 Derby—the frontrunner never got untracked, and Smith never got over it. Giacomo helped.

“Last year, running second again [on Lion Heart], I started to wonder,” Smith said. “I said, ‘Man, I honestly believed that I would already have won three by now.’ Yeah, it plays in there, but when I met this guy, man, I knew there was hope again. That’s the honest-to-God truth. You can ask [trainer] John [Shirreffs]—it’s our Derby, and he’s going to redeem his father’s name and he did it.”

For Shirreffs, it was sweet satisfaction for sticking to a life plan while never breaking into stardom. The 59-year-old had his first Derby winner with his first Derby starter—following Barclay Tagg in 2003 and Servis in 2004.

“When we landed, following the horse to Churchill Downs and we’re behind the van, just thinking how . . . what a great feeling to come back to Kentucky with Giacomo, running in the Kentucky Derby, going to Churchill Downs off the plane,” Shirreffs said. “Almost brought tears to my eyes, thinking here’s a Kentucky-bred horse, and he’s going to the biggest race in Kentucky. Sort of spectacular. I don’t know, it’s a great feeling.”

For Ritchey, the race was hard to digest, even though his horse ran huge and had no real excuse. When a man says, “You can’t look back. . . .” you can be sure he’s looked back—a lot. But there was nothing of consequence—the horse had a good trip, ran hard and came back sound.

The Preakness, in Ritchey’s home state, would be the next stop. Ten Derby starters returned for the Triple Crown’s

Afleeet Alex eagerly accepts a peppermint from Jeremy Rose the day after the Preakness.





Afleet Alex, with assistant trainer Roque Romero, joins some of his connections at the Pimlico stakes barn. From left: seated, Chuck Zacney with son Alex, Jeremy Rose, Tim Ritchey, Liz Scott, Jen Reeves; top row, Carol Zacney, Joe Judge, Barbara Judge, Joe Lerro, Terese Brittingham, Bob Brittingham.

"Even watching the race, I probably seemed expressionless on TV after I said what I said, but I was more concerned about making sure he was all right. Even when he came back and even that night, I didn't sleep that well the night after. I slept well before the Preakness. He went back to the track and he's fine. Now I can enjoy it more, knowing the horse is OK." Tim Ritchey

PREAKNESS RATINGS DOWN FROM '04

NBC Sports's television broadcast of the 130th running of the Preakness Stakes averaged a 5.1/13 national rating/share, down from last year when Smarty Jones mania took over the Triple Crown, but up slightly from the same figures for 2003.

The 5.1 rating dropped 16 percent from the 2004 broadcast, which earned a 6.1/15 rating/market share. The rating is up 2 percent from 2003 when the network had a 5.0/13 posting.

The five-year average rating for 2001 to 2005 for NBC's broadcasts of the Preakness is a 5.5—a 41 percent increase over the last five years the race was broadcast on ABC (3.9 average from 1996 to 2000). NBC has produced the five highest-rated Preakness broadcasts to air since 1992.

second leg, and bettors latched on to Afleet Alex's tactical speed and consistency, sending him off as the favorite in the 14-horse field.

Oh, how right they were.

Rose deftly guided Afleet Alex from the 12-hole to the inside, slashing to the rail as the field went under the wire the first time.

Derby retreads High Limit and Going Wild went at it on the lead, while Scrappy T, fresh off a score in the Withers Stakes-G3, tucked in third under Ramon Dominguez. Afleet Alex and Giacomo lobbed along in 10th and 11th as they went down the backside.

Scrappy T took over the lead while Rose maneuvered Afleet Alex through the field, getting a magical trip while Giacomo steadied behind a gallery of horses. Everything that had opened in the Derby for Giacomo seemed to be closed in the Preakness. Rose sent Afleet Alex inside of Greeley's Galaxy, and as they turned for home, only the unheralded Scrappy T, trained by Robbie Bales at Delaware Park, stood in the way.

Aiming for the outside of Scrappy T, Afleet Alex was flying when Dominguez wound up and hit Scrappy T lefthanded, which literally turned him sideways onto the landing strip where Afleet Alex had already signaled.

"Son of a bitch," was all Ritchey could say as he stood among the Cash is King syndicate in the second tier of box seats.

In an instant, the horse was back on his feet and back in gear. Ritchey took a deep breath, almost expressionless.

"He's going to win anyway," the trainer said.

And he did just that.

The Cash is King partners had experienced the pinnacle, the abyss and the pinnacle again—all in a quarter-mile.

And to think, they've had serious offers for the horse since the day he broke his maiden. Instead, they turned Afleet

Alex into a movement. Zacney named the horse after his son Alex. When Afleet Alex started winning, Zacney came upon a young girl, Alexandra (Alex) Scott, who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, an aggressive childhood cancer.

Scott started a lemonade stand for pediatric cancer research, and Zacney immediately donated money to Alex's Lemonade Stand and continues to give a portion of Afleet Alex's winnings to the fund. Alex Scott lost her fight with cancer last August, but she raised more than \$1.6 million, and Alex's Lemonade Stands were at the Derby and Preakness.

Sure the horse runs for Cash is King Stable, but he has a bandwagon worthy of the Rose Bowl Parade.

"It's a tremendous story, every aspect of it," Ritchey said. "From when he was an orphan to the little girl with cancer, there are so many positives to the story. He's a great horse, he's a champion horse. I don't see anybody out there doing things like he does. Hopefully we'll run him as a 3-year-old and a 4-year-old and let everybody enjoy him."

Ritchey, who celebrated his 54th birthday on May 27, certainly enjoyed his first venture onto the Triple Crown trail.

Born in Pittsburgh and now an Elkton, Md., resident, he gradually worked his way up from Waterford Park (now Mountaineer Park) through Penn National to a quality base at Delaware Park. A former show jump rider who also dabbled in steeplechasing, Ritchey trained two-time Maryland Million Classic winner Docent (2002 and '03) and won the 1999 Pennsylvania Derby-G3, but Afleet Alex is in another stratosphere.

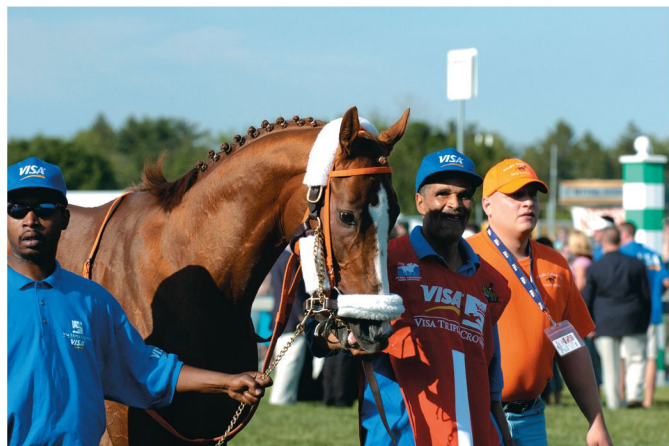
"He's a once-in-a-lifetime horse. I've had some pretty good horses, but he outworked Docent when he was 2, and Docent's a pretty nice horse. He's an amazing animal," Ritchey said. "There will never be another one like him, not for me. He does things



so easy. He's the only horse I've ever been around that I've never seen shy, spook, jump. At the Preakness, the Derby, all the stuff, nothing fazes him."

Ritchey swears Afleet Alex's aplomb comes from his days with Lauren Silvertand, drinking milk from a Coors Light bottle. It was there for Ritchey to see at the sale when the horse walked up and down the Timonium macadam like he owned the joint. It's there when the horse bounces to the front of the stall every time someone comes near his screen. It was there throughout the Derby and the Preakness donnybrook, when he made like the mayor, gliding through it all with a smile and a wave.

"He has total trust in people. He was raised for 12 days by people and he just bonded. He has such faith and trust in people, because he's never been abused or mistreated; he doesn't know any different," Ritchey said. "You don't see that in people with people,



Local hopes Malibu Moonshine and Scrappy T (from left) represented trainers King Leatherbury (with microphone) and Robbie Bailes.

where two people have that total trust. I imagine if you're going into battle or something, but I've never had that relationship with anything that's living. I have that with him, and I'm sure Jeremy has that with him. It's an amazing feeling."

No one knows the feeling like Rose. Ritchey says Rose thinks the horse is from the planet Krypton. After his drop and pop in the Preakness, he might just be.

"I talked to him quite a bit. I told him he did it. He got his respect, and he deserved it," Rose said. "It didn't bother him. I don't think anything bothers this horse. People were chanting his name, screaming, hollering, he was soaking every minute of it up. He did something champions do today." *



ANOTHER RECORD PREAKNESS

This year's Preakness shattered every record for attendance and handle.

The crowd of 115,318 at Pimlico was the largest ever for a sporting event in Maryland, eclipsing the mark of 112,668 set by the Preakness in 2004.

Preakness day wagering reached \$91,028,704, overtaking last year's record

figure of \$87,858,878. The \$63,230,573 wagered on the Preakness itself was also a record.

The wagering breakdown was as follows:

Preakness—In Maryland: \$4,299,915. Out of state: \$58,930,658.

Entire card: In Maryland: \$11,293,899. Out of state: \$79,734,805.



Giacomo's owners Jerry and Ann Moss and trainer John Shirreffs (left) talked about their horse's Preakness chances at the Alibi Breakfast.

AMERICANS AT AINTREE

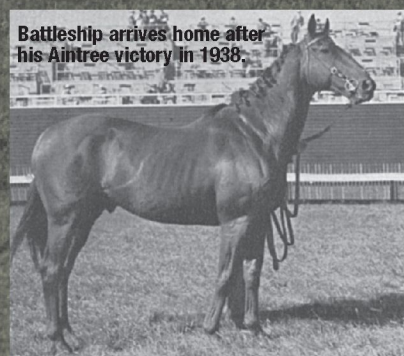
Exhibit celebrates attempts at world's most famous—and perhaps greatest—steeplechase.



Jay Trump and rider Tommy Smith go to the post for their unprecedented win in 1965.



Billy Barton (far right) falls at the final fence in 1928.



Battleship arrives home after his Aintree victory in 1938.

What are the chances of an American horse winning the Grand National at Aintree, England?

Since the Grand National Steeplechase was first run under that name in 1849, only three horses have raced their way to fame in America and gone on to successfully attempt the ultimate challenge in England: Battleship (1938), Jay Trump (1965) and *Ben Nevis II (1980). A fourth, Billy Barton, finished second in 1928, and might have won had he not fallen at the last fence.

That extraordinary four-some, and many other Aintree competitors with strong American ties, are celebrated in a unique exhibit now on display at the National Sporting Library in Middleburg, Va.

The exhibit was unveiled to great acclaim on April 29 at Shawan Downs equestrian event center in Hunt Valley, Md., when 840 people gathered for a one-of-kind program, Americans at Aintree.

Americans at Aintree—the event—evolved as a fundraising effort for Shawan Downs, explained event organizer Charles C. Fenwick Jr., who is a major force behind Shawan Downs, as well as the trainer and rider of *Ben Nevis.

“Last fall we were looking for a way to finish off the fundraising efforts and retire the debt on Shawan Downs, which at its peak was close to \$1 million,” said Fenwick. “We had significantly reduced that debt, but we needed some new money to give it the final kick.”

“Someone suggested that we do something to highlight the 40th and 25th anniversaries of Jay Trump and Ben Nevis, and we put together a steering committee.”

Fenwick said he was “taken aback by the skepticism” surrounding the plan in the beginning. “The goal was to attract 480 people. Some people said: ‘Are you crazy?’ In the end, we had 840 people, and total



The display consists of 16 panels, including the four above, which detail the early history of the Grand National at Aintree and its longstanding connections to the Maryland Hunt Cup.

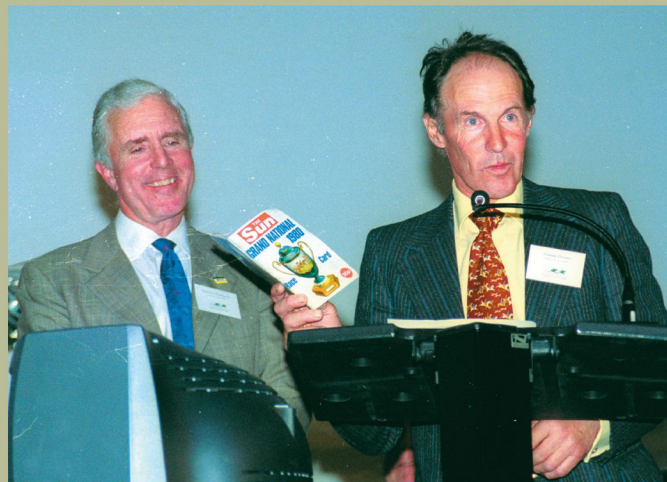
revenues exceeded \$250,000, which met our goal.”

Shawan Downs, a 300-acre facility that opened in 2001, has expanded rapidly as the host of an annual fall steeplechase meet, a spring point-to-point and the Maryland Combined Training Association's annual trials. With its financial footing on solid ground, Shawan Downs's leaders plan to develop it still further, with a wider range of activities that include horse shows.

The center on Shawan Road, some 15 miles north of Baltimore, provided a near-ideal backdrop for Americans at Aintree, which took place the evening before the Maryland Hunt Cup.

Possibly the largest gathering of steeplechase participants ever at an event in the U.S.

Emcee Richard Pitman told his own Aintree tales before interviewing Tommy Smith about his time in England with Jay Trump. The best laugh came when Pitman tried to find out what was in the concoction Jay Trump got in his feed each morning. The only response he could get from Smith was “supplements.”



Graham Thorner, a good friend of Charlie Fenwick from his time in England, presented Fenwick with a signed program from this year's Aintree race.





Author Dick Francis, who competed in eight renewals of the Grand National, told tales at Shawan Downs. There was a showing of the film from 1956, when Francis appeared to have victory in hand aboard the Queen Mother's Devon Loch, until the horse collapsed only strides from the finish.



Paddy Neilson rode Uncle Merlin to victory in the 1989 Maryland Hunt Cup, and charted his course for Aintree the following year. A Maryland-bred gelding owned by Roy and Patricia Chapman (of Smarty Jones fame), Uncle Merlin might have won if not for losing his rider at Becher's Brook.



*Ben Nevis II and Charlie Fenwick won the Grand National in their second attempt, in 1980.

came together for the program, which was emceed by Richard Pitman, a champion British jump jockey and journalist. Speakers were author Dick Francis; Jay Trump's rider Crompton (Tommy) Smith; Louis (Paddy) Neilson III, who rode against both Jay Trump and *Ben Nevis in the Maryland Hunt Cup and prepared 1990 Aintree contender and Maryland Hunt Cup winner Uncle Merlin; and Fenwick.

"It really gave you insight into one of the great races of the world," said longtime Maryland flat trainer J. William (Bill) Boniface.

Also on display were exact replicas of two of the world's most daunting obstacles—the third fence of the Maryland Hunt Cup, which looms at 4'9", and the Grand National's Chair, a 4'10" behemoth that has a six-foot open ditch leading up to it. The jumps are expected to become part of a permanent exhibit at Shawan Downs.

"The enthusiasm that night for Aintree, and for Shawan

Downs itself, was wonderful," said Glenn Martin, who with her husband J.W.Y. (Duck) Martin Jr. owns the property that provides the site for the Maryland Hunt Cup.

Americans at Aintree—the display—is designed as a traveling exhibit, but currently is available for public viewing at the National Sporting Library. The library is open, free of charge, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Monday. For more information on the library, call (540) 687-6542 or visit www.nsl.org. ★



The exhibit, now on display at the National Sporting Library in Middleburg, Va., brings to life the history of Jay Trump and *Ben Nevis.

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Sur La Tete soars to the top in Grade 1 Iroquois

Date of arrival: May 14, 2005. Remember that.

For all of his earlier steeplechase accomplishments—six wins and \$343,225 earned—Sur La Tete reached a pinnacle that day with his victory in the \$150,000 Iroquois Steeplechase-NSA1 at Nashville, Tenn.

Sur La Tete, a 7-year-old son of Sky Classic, blended talent and effort to beat 2003 steeplechase champion and longtime McDynamo in the three-mile stakes.

"The horse proved himself today," said trainer Neil Morris, who trains Sur La Tete for Zohar Ben Dov's Upperville, Va.-based Kinross Farm. "He's been almost the top—in the top three—in these races, but he hasn't won one until now. He's even closer to the top now. It's everything. It's a dream, these are your fantasies as a trainer. Exhilarating."

Exhilarating, also, for anyone who witnessed it.

As advertised, the race developed into a two-horse

battle between Sur La Tete and McDynamo (far and away the most talented horses in the field of eight).

Mon Villez (Fr) set an easy pace for about two miles while the favorites waited—Sur La Tete in midpack, McDynamo farther back, as Craig Thornton throttled McDynamo's energy. At Keeneland three weeks earlier, McDynamo battled Thornton as much as the other horses and wound up third behind Hirapour (Ire) and Sur La Tete.

Down the backstretch, where the already demanding race begins an uphill climb, Seafaring Man went after Mon Villez, but they were both shadowed by Sur La Tete. Behind them, McDynamo lengthened his stride and uncoiled a rally. Midway on the turn, Seafaring Man led by a half-length over Mon Villez, with Sur La Tete just to the outside and McDynamo still gaining.

Sur La Tete reached the front at the top of the stretch

and braced for McDynamo, who drew up beside him at the second-last fence. They jumped that one in sync, and bounded toward the last still on even terms. Landing with the slightest bit of additional momentum, Sur La Tete took control in the final furlong and won by two and a half lengths—getting his first open Grade 1 stakes and serving notice to Hirapour that the Eclipse Award race was far from over. McDynamo finished second in another quality effort while Bow Strada (GB) rallied late for third.

"McDynamo came at us off that turn. I knew it would be a fight. I just needed to get a clean shot at the last two fences," said winning jockey Chris Read. "At Keeneland we sort of dropped back in behind another horse, so we knew we had to keep him out, get him open ground and let him ping those last two fences like he can. We were on pretty much even terms coming to the sec-



Sur La Tete, urged on by rider Chris Read, pulled away after clearing the final hurdle in the Iroquois Steeplechase-NSA1. Archrival McDynamo is outside photo frame at left.

ond-last and the last. I'm not so sure about the last because I was just looking one way."

Sur La Tete pulled in \$100,000 (\$90,000 for the win and a \$10,000 bonus from the race meet for being ridden by an amateur). With this win, he jumped over Hirapour into the 2005 earnings lead with \$158,665 in three starts. Sur La Tete began last year as a second-season novice, and has now leaped up the ladder to championship contender while boosting his career steeplechase bankroll to \$443,225.

The longest U.S. hurdle stakes, the Iroquois always tests horses in unique ways, though Sur La Tete and McDynamo are known as distance stalwarts. In their first attempt at three miles, they fared superbly, with Sur La Tete thriving at the added ground.

"I don't think he gets tired," said Morris. "It's the first time he's run over three miles, and you're never sure. Chris said he galloped out strong."

Read, the first amateur to win the Iroquois since the race was opened to all jockeys in 1993, went even further in his description.

"He kicked like it was a two and a half-mile race," he said. "With a turn to go, I had Rob Massey in front of me [on Mr Perkolater]. I just moved up one spot and claimed the inside. I arrived with a ton of horse, but I said, 'Gotta wait, gotta wait.' When I got up next to Chip [Miller, on Mon Villez], I figured I'd wait until I came off the turn, and when I felt McDynamo coming, I could run with him. As soon as we straightened up I asked my horse to go on, and he did."

MORE FROM MUSIC CITY

The Iroquois meet, second-richest on the National Steeplechase Association calendar, gave away \$320,000 in total purses and was rewarded with a standout rac-

ing card that included four stakes. Underneath the Grade 1 feature, Whitewood Farm's Understood took the \$50,000 Marcellus Frost (a two-mile hurdle stakes with Grade 3 status) for trainer Richard Valentine. Once a stakes horse on the turf, the Virginia-bred won for the third time over hurdles and stamped himself a summer stakes contender.

Understood sat off the pace of Party Airs, and rallied up the inside to win by a length over Three Carat with jockey and new father Calvin McCormack, whose wife Joanne gave birth to son Sean three days earlier.

"I have to dedicate that one to Sean and Joanne—and Richard, too, because the horse was very good," said McCormack. "I knew from the third-last I was going to win. I was seeing how well the others were going in front of me, and I was always confident."

Valentine called patience the key to understanding Understood.

"We thought highly of him after he broke his maiden [in 2002], and we did the novice route, and I felt like we ran everywhere," said the trainer. "He is a nice horse, but everything has to go his way. He's better fresh, and this year we decided to dodge everybody and not run him too much."

While still basking in the glow of a Maryland Hunt Cup victory two weeks earlier, owner Irv Naylor picked up another timber stakes when his Albert's Crossing (Jody Petty) powered off with the \$50,000 Mason Houghland Memorial for trainer Sanna Hendriks.

Only 5 years old, the son of Valley Crossing blitzed past Equistar approaching the last fence and won by four and a half lengths over Bubble Economy and No Fast Moves. Petty won two races with the timber newcomer last fall, and is impressed with his determination.

"He's always just a little on the muscle, a little go-y. If you



"He's a phenomenal jumper," said Jody Petty, who rode Albert's Crossing to victory in the Mason Houghland Memorial for owner Irv Naylor and trainer Sanna Hendriks.

didn't know him, you'd be a little nervous coming to the fences, but he sees his spot every time," Petty said. "Sometimes, I don't always see the same spot as him. From way back, it's like I don't know exactly what he's thinking, and he doesn't know exactly what I'm thinking, but when we get there we both see the same spot. He's amazing that way, and he's a phenomenal jumper."

Super mare Feeling So Pretty added another stakes victory to her stellar career when she won the \$30,000 Margaret Currey Henley Stakes, part of the Sport of Queens series for fillies and mares, for owner/trainer Lee McKinney and jockey Michael Traurig. Now 11, Feeling So Pretty carried 163 pounds as if it were 143, and defeated seven foes (all at least four years younger) while winning by five and one-quarter lengths over Orchid Princess. The daughter of Nordic Legend opened 2005 with two losses (one facing Sur La Tete and Hirapour), but used two flat preps at Keeneland to get back to top form for Nashville.

The NSA filly/mare champion in 2003, and runner-up last year, postponed her broodmare career—at least for another season.

"I try to think what it's going to be like having her as a broodmare, and there's going to be a huge hole in my life not hav-

ing her as a race horse," said McKinney. "She's the most fun horse I have to train. She's so special."

Feeling So Pretty won her first hurdle race in 2001, owns a Saratoga allowance win (also 2001) and has won three times since the NSA added filly/mare races in 2003. Overall, she's six-for-20 in steeplechase races with \$148,940.

MILES AND MILES

Kinross Farm's newest star, Miles Ahead, continues to ascend the ladder of timber racing success, running his winning streak to five and placing a stranglehold on the 2005 NSA timber championship halfway through the season.

The 8-year-old won two stakes in May—the \$50,000 Virginia Gold Cup on May 7 and the \$40,000 Radnor Hunt Cup two weeks later—to lift his 2005 earnings total to \$75,000. The performances had some fans talking records and leg-ends. Saluter holds the timber marks for victories (21) and earnings (\$429,489) and, though Miles Ahead has a long way to go before he can sniff those, he does have Saluter's single-season earnings record of \$96,189 within sight.

At the Virginia Gold Cup, Miles Ahead settled off the early pace set by stablemate Chinese Whisper, rolled up to

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Miles Ahead (Chris Read), shown leading Joe At Six, displayed his rapidly emerging timber prowess in the Virginia Gold Cup.

second with a half-mile to go, and sprinted past in the stretch to win by a half-length for jockey Chris Read.

Chinese Whisper stayed gamely for second, and was 14 lengths ahead of third-placed Dr. Ramsey. The one-two sweep gave Kinross a \$39,000 payday. Trainer Neil Morris marveled at the competitiveness of his charges.

"Two horses, equally as competent as each other. Both have won four timber races now, but with two completely different racing styles," he said. "Chinese Whisper stays—he's long-winded and just stays forever. Miles Ahead has a kick at the end. So, we had one on the front and one close to the back, and after the last fence, they were together. Chris went up to Paddy [Young] after the last and said, 'Paddy, it's just the two of us. You're going to be second, and I'm going to win it. Let's not beat them up.' That was basically it."

At four miles and 23 fences, the Gold Cup presents a unique challenge, especially to a horse with as little timber experience as Miles Ahead. The son of Unaccounted For made his debut over the wooden fences last fall, and has continued a rapid learning curve since, with wins at the Carolina Cup in

March, Middleburg in April and then the Gold Cup.

When Miles Ahead came back in the \$40,000 Radnor Hunt Cup at Radnor, Pa., on May 21, Chinese Whisper was back as well, and set the pace in the three and a quarter-mile race, which drew a quality field of eight. In the stretch, no one was waiting for Miles Ahead, and the Kinross horse turned toward the finish with three to catch—Chinese Whisper, Sham Aciss and Hall of Angels. Pulling out from behind that trio, Miles Ahead summoned his speed and got up in the final yards before pulling away to win by a length over Hall of Angels with Sham Aciss a neck back in third.

"I got stuck down inside horses and had to wait for them to clear the last before I could get him out and get him to make his run," said Read. "I was hoping for the hole to open up sooner, and I got a little anxious about that until I was able to get him outside of horses."

Bred in Pennsylvania by Jonathan Sheppard and Derry Meeting Farm, Miles Ahead came to Kinross via a claim at Saratoga last summer. Powerful flat owner Sanford Goldfarb and trainer Richard Dutrow paid \$35,000 to claim Miles Ahead from Sheppard out of

a hurdle race. Sold to Kinross shortly thereafter, Miles Ahead made two hurdle starts last fall but was always destined for timber.

"He's still a little green about it because he was jumping a little too bold early," said Read. "Since he's changed to timber he's gotten so much confidence in himself that you can just feel it. He's not getting run off his feet like he was over hurdles, and then he's got that great kick at the end."

TRIPLE CROWN STAYS HOME

As in flat racing, there will be no Triple Crown winner in steeplechasing this year. But the possibility of a Mid-Atlantic sweep stayed alive after the second stage at Radnor.

Pennsylvania-bred Mixed Up came from just off the pace to win the \$75,000 National Hunt Cup-NSA2 for owner Bill Pape and trainer Jonathan Sheppard. A son of Carnivalay, Mixed Up followed Maryland-bred Toughkenamon's win in the series' first stage, the Temple Gwathmey-NSA2, four weeks earlier at Middleburg, Va.

At Radnor, a dozen horses lined up for the National Hunt

Cup (first run in 1909). Charlie Whiskey took a quick lead, but was never able to get away from the pressure behind him. Mixed Up sat just behind, among a group of stalkers that included Toughkenamon and 2004 novice hurdle champion Paradise's Boss, while finding a jumping rhythm.

Rising up the hill toward the stretch, jockey Danielle Hodsdon coaxed Mixed Up into relaxing for a few strides—filling his lungs with air for the final two fences. Mixed Up angled outside after the last fence and went after Charlie Whiskey. The battle was brief, as Mixed Up pushed past to win by two lengths. Charlie Whiskey stayed for second, with Move West third. Toughkenamon was a well-beaten seventh.

"I expected to be close to the pace," said Hodsdon. "I was hoping to relax third or fourth, but my horse just kept pinging his fences and dragged me up a little closer than I wanted to be. Once we got to second he did relax a little bit, which was nice."

For Pape and Sheppard, the win harkened back to the heady days of Flatterer, who shouldered a record 176 pounds to victory in the 1986 National Hunt Cup. Mixed Up won't make anyone forget Flatterer, but the 6-year-old won for the third time in five starts over hurdles. As a flat horse, Mixed Up won six times and earned more than \$100,000, including two optional claiming victories at Colonial Downs and the Capital City Handicap for Pennsylvania-breds at Penn National in 2004.

Sheppard stayed cautious with Mixed Up this spring, opting for a first-level allowance hurdle instead of the Temple Gwathmey, and then using an Atlantic City flat race as a sharpener for Radnor. Mixed Up won both, boosting confidence and fitness.

"This was the goal," said Sheppard. "We wanted to skip the first one. I thought we should start him off in an easier

spot, try to win the non-winners of two, and if he did well, we would take a stab at this. The flat race at Atlantic City [eight days earlier] was a little bit last minute. It was either that or work him on the farm where the ground was hard. It was safer to give him his last work in a race, and sometimes a race is as good as three works. It seemed to pay off."

DOWN THE SHORE

Atlantic City hosted two days of racing, April 29 and May 13, and the jumpers responded with decent fields and quality performances. Trainer Tom Voss won four of the six races carded on the first day, taking a maiden hurdle with Merrifield Farm's Jazz-itupgeorge, a maiden claimer with Blackwood Stable's Creme D' Argent, an open claimer with Mimi Voss's Malagash, and a flat race with Charlie Whiskey.

Voss didn't count his wins before he arrived, but showed up confident.

"They're all decent horses, they were all well spotted, they were all fit. You have to get a good turf course," he said. "Some of them were ready to run early, but we didn't run for one reason or another. This wasn't the master plan, but it was great."

In the April 29 feature, the only race on the card with a Voss starter who did not win, Calvin Houghland's newest English import, Bow Strada (Matt McCarron), charged past four horses in the final half-mile to win a \$30,000 allowance hurdle by three and a half lengths. Making his U.S. debut, Bow Strada had not run since September when he took a classy English steeplechase at Market Rasen.

"He's a very cool horse," said McCarron, on board for trainer Bruce Miller. "Looking at his form in England, it looked like he wanted to be in front, but with Anofferucantrefuse, Dancewel, and a few others, I

thought I'd break in the middle and see what he would do. From there, every time I called him, he was there."

On the second day at Atlantic City, Kinross Farm's Gritty Sandie flashed the ability that carried him to \$500,000 in flat earnings with a powerful stretch surge to win a \$35,000 allowance for trainer Neil Morris. Ridden by Xavier Aizpuru, the winner swept past Imperial Gold (NZ) in deep stretch to score by three-quarters of a length.

A winner of his first two career jump starts in 2003, Gritty Sandie missed last year with leg troubles and lost his first two starts this year. At Atlantic City, the long, tall 9-year-old chestnut looked as good as ever in the race, but pulled up lame with an injury to his left front pastern.

"My conscience is clear because we didn't do anything wrong. He was great going into it," Morris said. "You have to go to the races, and I guess it's better than being second. I thought it was easy, like he had just gotten going. He had a great last fence, and was the fastest-closing horse. It looked like he galloped out fine. Then I saw Xav jump off after he had gotten on the dirt track. The horse could have been anything. He's made plenty of starts and won plenty of races."

Though he began his racing career with flat trainer Jimmy Toner, Gritty Sandie has a home for life at Kinross.

"He's on the shelf, he's not broken down. We'll go through the process of cooling things out. What the prognosis is, I don't know, but it's probably guarded now," Morris said. "It just means he may not be as brilliant at the races, and maybe he'll have to do something else. I'm not going to beat him up; I don't want to ambulance the horse. When you ride him, you sit tall. It's like getting a new truck, just driving around. I was very fortunate to travel a little on his road."



Bill Pape's Mixed Up (Danielle Hodsdon) captured Radnor's National Hunt Cup, the second leg of the steeplechasing Triple Crown. Jonathan Sheppard trains the winner.

OTHER NEWS

The Queen's Cup Steeplechase in Charlotte, N.C., celebrated its 10th anniversary with a quality meet and a big crowd on April 30. The racing featured a \$30,000 allowance hurdle that went to Pennsylvania-bred Three Carat. Owned and trained by Jonathan Sheppard, the winner rolled to the front down the hill into the stretch, but gave the lead back when Frecuente (Chi) rallied in deep stretch. Not through, Three Carat dug in after the last fence and won by a half-length.

The Sheppard homebred fell heavily at Camden early in the year, but went back to work on his jumping at home before heading to Charlotte.

"We took him to the baby hurdles in the five-eighths track [at Camden] and he was clearing them by about two feet," said Sheppard. "We schooled him again [about 10 days before the race]. He's always been a very good jumper, but he has a tendency to over-reach a little bit. A young horse can get confused and I think that's what he did at Camden—just indecision, really."

Tennessee-based trainer Bruce Haynes won two races with Wild N Rowdy, a 4-year-old half-brother to stakes star Rowdy Irishman (a winner of more than \$600,000 over hurdles). Haynes found Rowdy Bird, the dam of both horses, via a roundabout route and now has five foals from the

daughter of Topsider. Haynes is fighting the urge to compare the brothers, but likes what he has after Wild N Rowdy's maiden win at Tryon and allowance score at Brookhill (both meets are in North Carolina).

"I tell you what I did—when we bought the mare [Rowdy Bird], I kind of made a pact with myself that I was not going to expect any of these foals to live up to or fill Rowdy Irishman's shoes," he said. "So I try not to compare him, as hard as that is."

Colonial Downs will expand its steeplechase schedule to include 16 NSA races in 2005. The calendar calls for two races (14 over hurdles and two NSA flat races) every Sunday during the meet starting June 26. The \$50,000 Zeke Ferguson Memorial, a Grade 3 stakes, headlines the lineup on July 17. The Virginia track's jump schedule also includes eight maiden hurdle races.

Mid-Atlantic-bred winners continue to add up, and include allowance/stakes horses Seafaring Man, Understood and Malmo Match (Virginia); Make Me a Champ, Northern Thinking and Albert's Crossing (Maryland); Three Carat, Miles Ahead and Mixed Up (Pennsylvania). Maiden winners Noble Bob, Good Night Shirt, Timmy R and Guelph were bred in Maryland, while Sweeps Week and Seattle Band were bred in Pennsylvania, and Capwaynesglass, Happy Hero and Rouge Sensation are from Virginia. ★

Kentucky Derby/ Preakness winners reflect current trends

This year's Kentucky Derby and Preakness continued at least a couple of trends that are becoming increasingly apparent with regard to the classics.

The first is of classic winners—particularly Kentucky Derby winners—being sired by relatively inexpensive stallions: 10 of the last 14 Kentucky Derby winners have been sired by stallions who were standing for \$15,000 or less when the Derby winner was conceived.

The second is sprinter/milers as sires of classic winners: In 2003 and 2004, the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes were taken by sons of Distorted Humor (Funny Cide) and Elusive Quality (Smarty Jones), respectively.

The 2005 Derby winner, Giacomo, is a son of Holy Bull. While Holy Bull won the Travers Stakes-G1 at a mile and a quarter, he is more like his relative, Dr. Fager, a brilliantly fast horse who could carry his speed rather than being a real stayer. Preakness winner Afleet Alex is by an up-and-coming young stallion, sprinter/miler Northern Afleet.

Giacomo is something of a history-maker. Not only was he the longest-priced winner since Doneraile in 1913, but he is also the first Kentucky Derby winner from his sire line in more than 100 years.

That sire line is the oldest one native to North America, that of *Eclipse. This *Eclipse was not the great English runner of the same name foaled during the eclipse of 1764, but a high-class son of the English Derby winner and champion sire Orlando (a descendant of the original Eclipse), who was brought to this country in 1859. The foundation of the sire line does have a Mid-Atlantic link, as *Eclipse began his career in New York, moved to Kentucky, then returned to New York, but only after standing for a season in New Jersey.

*Eclipse became a very successful sire, and was most notably responsible for Alarm, generally considered the first great American sprinter. In turn, the best son of Alarm was Himyar, a horse who started two branches of the sire line, one through "The Black Whirlwind" Domino (tail male ancestor of the recently retired champion sire Broad Brush), and the other through 1898 Kentucky Derby winner, Plaudit.

While both lines persist to the present day, their success in the greatest of American races has been decidedly limited. In fact, since Plaudit's victory, there had been only one previous Kentucky Derby winner tracing in male line to Himyar—the 1961 hero

Carry Back, a descendant of Domino—and Giacomo is the first Derby winner from the Plaudit branch since Plaudit himself.

Of course, Holy Bull started as favorite for his Kentucky Derby in 1994, coming into the race with a record of seven wins in eight starts. Badly bumped at the start, he never got into the race and finished 12th of 14. He was subsequently found to be somewhat sluggish, and recently, trainer Jimmy Croll has been quoted as believing that Holy Bull had been doped. Whatever the problem, Holy Bull soon returned to form; after the Kentucky Derby, he put together a campaign that not only earned him honors as champion 3-year-old and Horse of the Year in 1994, but also a place as one of the best North American runners of the last quarter of the 20th century. He won his first start at 4, but was injured next time out, and retired to start his stud career in March of 1995.

Despite Holy Bull's on-track brilliance, his stud career had to be tempered by his less-than-fashionable pedigree. Holy Bull was by Great Above, a relative to the mighty Dr. Fager (Great Above was by Minnesota Mac, a son of Dr. Fager's sire Rough'n Tumble, out of twice champion sprinter Ta Wee, a half-sister to Dr. Fager). A tough, Grade 3-winning sprinter, Great Above was, Holy Bull apart, no more than useful as a sire.

Holy Bull's female line was somewhat less than prepossessing too. In general, brilliant runners with modest pedigrees have tended to throw more to their bloodlines than their race record, but Holy Bull has done better than most of this kind. In total, he has sired 22 stakes winners in his first seven crops and, in addition to Giacomo, they include the champion 2-year-old colt Macho Uno; Pohave, winner of last year's Triple Bend Breeders' Cup Invitational Handicap-G1; the Frizette Stakes-G1 winner Confessional; and other grad-

ed stakes winners Turnofthe-century, Crash Course, Thunder Blitz, Hollywood Picture and Estimraar.

Giacomo's dam, Set Them Free, a daughter of Stop the Music, started her broodmare career with two foals who never raced, but then produced, in succession, Giacomo's sister Styler, a winner of two of her four starts; Sea Jewel, a Sea Hero filly who won twice and was second in the Santa Ysabel Stakes-G3 and third in the Oak Leaf Stakes-G2; and Giacomo.

Set Them Free was herself a good West Coast sprinter, taking the Pasadena Stakes, Eloquent Handicap, Debutante Breeders' Cup Stakes and Very Subtle Handicap. A half-sister to French listed winner Vacht (Fr), Set Them Free is from a family that has hitherto done its best work in France. Her dam, Valseuse (Fr), is a half-sister to French 2-year-old stakes winner River Rose (Fr), the dam of five stakes winners, including French champion 2-year-old and classic winner Baiser Vole, as well as Squill, a champion in Italy and France, and third in the Budweiser International-G1 in the U.S.

Since Squill was a son of Stop the Music, he was also a three-parts-brother to Set Them Free. The family has produced numerous other good European runners, and the fifth dam, Mistress Ford, won the 1936 Prix de Diane (French Oaks).

Giacomo is very much an outcross, as are many of Holy Bull's best runners. This is a reflection of the rather unusual structure of Holy Bull's pedigree. At the top and bottom of his pedigree, Holy Bull is inbred to Questionnaire (a great-great-grandson of Plaudit). However, this duplication of "old American" blood is mixed with clustered combinations of the European strains of the brothers Pharos and Fairway; Gainsborough, his sons Hyperion and Solario (and Solario's sister, Imagery); Blandford; and the half-sis-

ters Lady Juror and Mumtaz Mahal. We can also note that Holy Bull's dam is inbred elsewhere to Mumtaz Mahal's English Derby-winning grandson *Mahmoud, but is free of *Mahmoud's three-parts-sister Mumtaz Begum, the dam of *Nasrullah and granddam of *Royal Charger.

With regard to Giacomo, we can note that his dam goes back in direct male line to *Royal Charger (combining Pharos, Solario, Blandford and Mumtaz Mahal), and his broodmare sire, Tyrant, is not only a grandson of *Nasrullah (combining Pharos, Blandford and Mumtaz Mahal), but out of a mare by *My Babu (whose dam, Perfume II, is by a three-parts-brother to *Mahmoud, and who combines Pharos, Blandford and Mumtaz Mahal).

For good measure, Giacomo's fourth dam, Barbara, is by Fair Trial (a son of Fairway and Lady Juror) out of a Blandford mare. Thus, Giacomo's dam supplied several concentrations of the same European strains that are clustered in Holy Bull.



The Mid-Atlantic region plays a significant part in the story of Preakness Stakes hero Afleet Alex, as it was at the 2004 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training sale that trainer Tim Ritchey purchased Afleet Alex for \$75,000 on behalf of owners Cash is King LLC.

Afleet Alex's sire, Northern Afleet, is by the Mr. Prospector stallion Afleet, a high-class sprinter/miler who took the Jerome Handicap-G1, Pennsylvania Derby-G3 and three other stakes at 3, and added the Toboggan Handicap-G3 at 4. Afleet started his stud career in Kentucky, but was exported to Japan at the end of the 1994 breeding season.

The record shows that the banishment was probably premature. The 1987 Canadian Horse of the Year sired 43 stakes winners from 375 U.S. foals, and in addition to Northern Afleet, they included Cana-

dian champion older horse A Fleets Dancer; Blu Tusmani, champion 2-year-old in Italy, and winner of the Withers Stakes-G2 in the U.S.; Grade 1 winners Flat Fleet Feet and Twist Afleet; and graded stakes winners Top Secret, Zuno Star, Cat Be Nimble, Mysteriously, Brock Street, Mr. Shawklit, Rizzi, Pacific Fleet, Sea Ditty, Afleetaffair and Shrike.

Unlike Afleet Alex, who took the Hopeful Stakes-G1—the first Grade 1 event of the year for 2-year-olds—Northern Afleet took some time to show his true ability. A relatively lightly raced horse, he started just 21 times in four seasons. He showed promise in two of three outings at 2, winning a maiden race at Del Mar in his debut, then placing second to Cobra King in the Balboa Stakes-G3. That promise wasn't really fulfilled in Northern Afleet's second season. In six starts he tallied just one win, an allowance race at Hollywood Park, as well as recording a second in the Jim Neuman Stakes, at a mile on turf, and a third in the seven-furlong Malibu Stakes-G1.

At 4, however, Northern Afleet came into his own. He captured three graded stakes, winning the San Carlos Handicap-G2 at seven furlongs; the San Diego Handicap-G3 at a mile and a sixteenth; and the San Fernando Breeders' Cup Stakes-G2 at a mile and an eighth. He also took third in three other graded stakes, most notably in Langfuhr's Metropolitan Handicap-G1.

Northern Afleet's dam is the extremely well-bred Nuryette, a daughter of Nureyev and the Barbara Fritchie Handicap-G3 heroine Stellarette. Nuryette is also the dam of Grade 1-winning millionaire Tap to Music (by Pleasant Tap). This is the great family tracing to Windfields foundation mare Nangela, a daughter of Nearctic who was inbred 1x3 to that horse and his three-parts-sister.

Northern Afleet retired to Double Diamond Farm

in Ocala, Fla., to stand the 1999 season at a fee of \$5,000. He made a tremendous start with a first crop of 40 named foals, who included 33 starters and 32 winners, among them graded winner G P Fleet and stakes winners Unforgettable Max, Native Hawk, Northern Air, Teak Totem and Megans Molly.

The second crop is headlined by the Palos Verdes Handicap-G2 winner Saint Afleet, and also includes Grade 1-placed Ice Wynd Fire and stakes-placed Cold Wynnter. Afleet Alex is a member of his third. So, from his first three crops, sired at a fee of \$5,000, Northern Afleet has 90 starters, 66 winners, eight stakes winners and seven stakes-placed horses.

Afleet Alex and his brother Unforgettable Max are the second and third foals and only starters for their dam Maggy Hawk. Unlike Afleet Alex, Unforgettable Max has done his best work as a sprinter/miler, winning the Shecky Greene Stakes and placing in the Grade 2 General George and Tom Fool Handicaps, and Grade 3 Discovery Handicap and Salvador Mile.

Clearly, Afleet Alex has taken somewhat more after the distaff side of the pedigree as far as aptitude is concerned. Maggy Hawk was a winner at 2, but she is by the stoutly bred Hawkster. This son of Silver Hawk (by Roberto) won the Norfolk Stakes-G1 at 2,

but subsequently showed his best form at extended distances on turf, adding the Oak Tree Invitational Stakes-G1 and Secretariat Stakes-G1, while setting a new world record for a mile and a half of 2:22½ in the former. Afleet Alex's granddam, Qualique, was also precocious, scoring her only stakes victory in the Demoiselle Stakes-G1 at 2, but she was a daughter of champion turf horse *Hawaii, who stayed a mile and a half well.

Afleet Alex represents the cross of a Mr. Prospector-line stallion over a Roberto-line mare. This combination brings together two important daughters of Nashua: Gold Digger, the dam of Mr. Prospector, and Bramalea, the dam of Roberto. This pair has rather similar backgrounds, in addition to being by Nashua, Gold Digger has as her second dam a daughter of *Bull Dog out of a Blue Larkspur mare, while Bramalea is out of a mare by a son of *Bull Dog, and her second dam is a Blue Larkspur mare.

There are more than 40 unrestricted stakes winners bred on a Mr. Prospector/Roberto cross, including the Group or Grade 1 winners Tweedside, Johar, Total Impact (Chi) and Observatory, while the Roberto/Mr. Prospector cross has already produced Group/Grade 1 winners Rock Hard Ten, Hollywood Wildcat, Dr Fong, Riskaverse, Kicken Kris, Film Maker, You and Japanese classic winners Chokai Carol and No Reason. ★

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The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in 1993 saw the need for the Federal Response Plan to

include care of animals. It entered into an agreement with the Office of Emergency Preparedness to create Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMATs), which are deployed to natural, man-made and technological disasters. Sponsored by the AVMA's foundation, VMATs now are under the umbrella of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Two of

the nation's four VMATs are located in the Mid-Atlantic region—VMAT-2 in Maryland and VMAT-3 in North Carolina.

"Each one of these teams has about 50 to 70 members, made up of veterinarians, vet techs and others," said James Hamilton, DVM, of Southern Pines Equine Associates in Southern Pines, N.C., who became team commander of VMAT-3 in 1997. "There are some people who are giving huge amounts of their time in an area that most people wouldn't even imagine they'd be involved in. I think it's pretty admirable."

VMATs are deployed only in response to an invitation by the governor of a state where their services are needed. In a region declared a disaster area by the president, deployment is supported in large part by federal funds. Absent that declaration, the individual state must provide the necessary resources. VMATs also are available to assist the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the control,

treatment and eradication of animal disease outbreaks.

Team members are federal employees, but they are paid only during deployment. They donate their time spent in training and preparing for the crucial moment when they are activated. One of those deployments occurred on September 11, 2001, when VMATs converged on the site of the World Trade Center to care for canine rescuers who combed the wreckage for victims. Dogs wearing cameras on their collars crawled through spaces too small for humans and in the process were injured by glass, nails, twisted metal and other debris. VMATs set up mobile hospitals to care for these brave dogs.

Last fall, the Mid-Atlantic region's VMATs were deployed to aid the animal victims of Hurricanes Charley and Ivan that devastated Florida in the state's worst hurricane season in history.

"There was a big avian influenza outbreak in Virginia about three or four years ago, and we were activated to help monitor the outbreak, so it doesn't necessarily have to be a hurricane or a tornado," said Tomas Gimenez, DMV, a professor of animal science who specializes in horses at Clemson University and is a member of VMAT-2.

VMATs also were on hand to support canine and equine patrols assigned to guard against potential acts of terrorism at the Olympics in Salt Lake City, the president's State of the Union Address in Washington, D.C., the Republican National Convention in New York City, and the international G8 Summit on foreign and economic affairs held in Sea Island, Ga.

VMAT RESPONSIBILITIES

Once activated, a VMAT's mission is to assist local veterinarians in caring for animals and provide oversight and advice during a disaster. They help to coordinate efforts of



Training class gathers in front of Sancho, a trained demonstration horse being lifted by a simulated helicopter (actually a crane). The horse was unsedated during the maneuver.

state and local officials, veterinary medical associations, the state veterinarian, FEMA, humane groups, the American Red Cross and search and rescue groups.

VMATs' duties also include decontamination of animals, advice on disposal of animal carcasses, collection of samples for animal disease diagnostics and help in containing disease outbreaks.

Each highly trained team is composed of medical personnel, including veterinarians, technicians, epidemiologists and toxicologists, plus lay personnel such as trainers and animal handlers who provide support services. "We even have some firefighters and paramedics, so we have a big mix of people," said Gimenez.

Through the use of practice drills, VMAT members become skilled at mobilization to arrive at a site, ready for action, within 24 to 48 hours of deployment. Each member carries with him or her a three-day supply of food, water and personal necessities, plus veterinary medical supplies and equipment. Upon arrival at the site, VMATs set up a veterinary field hospital and dig into action.

"About two or three times a year we have a training session for the team, so we'll spend a week in different locations," Gimenez said. "We were in Alabama for a week of training in hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction."

Adds Hamilton, "Quite similar to a foreign animal disease outbreak, in my mind, is a weapon of mass destruction. The only difference is that with a WMD incident, humans are affected, as well as animals. Our specific role in a WMD incident would be to oversee and coordinate the animal end of that response.

"Take downtown Atlanta, for example. If an agent were released in downtown Atlanta, what is the horse population within a 30-mile radius of the center of Atlanta? Pretty large.

And [the impact] depends on which way the wind is blowing. If the wind normally is coming out of the west or southwest, it is going to blow that plume of whatever agent it happens to be into major horse country. Now [we have to determine] what are the effects, what type of decontamination is needed, what type of triage. That whole animal component would be something we would be very deeply involved in."

Gimenez and his wife, Rebecca, a veterinarian and Ph.D. who is a captain in the U.S. Army, regularly offer large animal rescue courses to local fire and rescue teams throughout the U.S. The two large-animal veterinarians also have presented these seminars to train VMAT members in these same skills. Upon completion of the course, team members often share the knowledge with local rescue groups when they return home.

BECOME A TEAM MEMBER

VMAT members work for FEMA. As with any federal job, those who wish to join a VMAT must apply for the position. No special qualifications are required, but applicants must have skills relative to the position they seek, and through their employment history they must have demonstrated the ability to work under pressure and assume responsibility.

Applications are available through the team commander or administrative officer of each VMAT region. Qualified applicants who are hired as special needs employees of Homeland Security may be acti-



A trained demonstration horse, Elektra, has been strapped to the rescue glide for simulated removal and transport in an ambulance.

vated for federal service for up to 14 days, during which time they are paid a salary, covered by federal workers' compensation insurance and protected by law against personal liability while performing duties within the scope of their position on the team. An applicant does not have to reside within the

VMAT's headquarters state. Positions include veterinary medical officer, animal health technician, safety officer, logistics officer, communications officer and training officer.

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SEAN CLANCY

Tom and Denise Walsh named their racing operation Never Better Stables. On May 7, it was just that.

Gunning For, trained by Tom Walsh's cousin Tim, upset the Henry S. Clark Stakes for his sixth career victory. Under jockey Jose Ferrer, the 4-year-old gelded son of Dove Hunt finished a half-length in front of Package Store, with Rubi Echo third in the mile turf stakes. **Gunning For** blitzed home in 1:34.25.

A homebred, **Gunning For** has already outrun expectations. Denise Walsh picked out Dove Hunt, who now stands in Texas for \$3,500, and matched the son of Danzig with her mare Hopalina. A daughter of Trempolino and steeplechaser Hopscotch (GB), Hopalina was meant to produce a steeplechase prospect. Instead, **Gunning For** became a Grade 3 winner last fall when he won the mile and a half Lawrence Realization Stakes at Belmont, and he looks to further expand his flat career this season.

"I wanted to breed a jumper, so I went to Dove Hunt, who was really good on the grass," Denise Walsh said. "It's not to say he won't jump someday. We're very surprised—it's been a lot of fun with him."

Denise Walsh's parents, Bill and Tina Entenmann, imported Hopscotch from England in 1991. After a successful career in England, she failed to win a race in the U.S., but hit the



Tom and Denise Walsh's homebred 4-year-old **Gunning For** staged a half-length upset over **Package Store** in the Henry S. Clark Stakes.



Missile Bay carried the colors of Evan Gewirtz to a frontrunning victory in the inaugural running of the Xtra Heat Stakes.



The exquisitely bred **My Typhoon (Ire)** scored as expected under Jerry Bailey in the Hilltop Breeders' Cup Handicap.

board in several hurdle stakes. Her daughter Hopalina made four uninspired starts and then was shifted to the Walshes' broodmare band. **Gunning For**, Hopalina's second foal, is one of about 10 race horses the Walshes own by themselves

or in partnership with Denise's parents. Grade 2 stakes winner Artie Schiller, a \$67,000 purchase at the 2002 Keeneland September Yearling sale, leads the way, running under the Entenmanns' nom de course Timber Bay Farm.

"We've had a great year, I can't believe it. Artie Schiller is always there. We were really happy with his first race of this season [a victory in the Maker's Mark Mile-G2 on April 15 at Keeneland]," Denise Walsh said. "We had him at the farm all winter—that made me really nervous. They wanted to give him a rest, and I thought, what better place than ours? We'll take good care of him. Every year they all come back for a rest."

Denise and Tom Walsh's farm in Southern Pines, N.C., provides a building block for their horse operation, which is steadily improving.

"Since Mr. E. started buying horses with us, we can buy a better grade of horse," Tom Walsh said. "Before, we would go to the Ocala sale and hopefully buy a nice little jumper for \$10,000 or \$15,000. But now we've been able to buy the nicer horses at the better sales. We've been lucky. Everything we picked out at the [2003] Keeneland yearling sale has won this year; two of them have run in stakes, and the other one's getting ready. The year before, we got Artie Schiller. We both have a good idea of what we like, and so far it's come together."

For Tim Walsh, too. The 27-year-old trainer has three horses stabled at Delaware Park. **Gunning For** anchors the group.

"He's very good. Somewhere down the line as they write the races longer, he has the potential for a Grade 1 win this year," Tim Walsh said. "He was a runt as a 2-year-old, but he's filled out a lot. It's fun. We've been getting calls from everywhere: Woodbine, the Arlington Million. He's a pleasure to be around. He's done everything right. You take him to the races, and he thinks he's going to win every time he goes over there."

JIM MCCUE (3)

PIMLICO'S RICH PREAKNESS PRELUDE

Pimlico rolled out the red carpet for top-class runners on May 20 and 21, leading up to the Preakness with 13 stakes worth a total of nearly \$2 million.

Topped by the Pimlico Special-G1 (see story on page 42), the assemblage of stakes drew talent from all over, and showcased winning performances by three Mid-Atlantic-breds.

A crowd of more than 13,000 braved cold and rain the day before the Preakness, many watching in amazement as a Maryland-bred filly provided the most dramatic upset of the two-day extravaganza.

The **Pimlico Breeders' Cup Distaff Handicap-G3** was billed as the Ashado show. Last year's champion 3-year-old filly, Ashado scared her competition down to three, and, on paper, towered above them. At least until the eighth pole.

That's when Silmaril, carrying Ryan Fogelsonger and the hopes of many Marylanders, clawed her way past Ashado to score by a comfortable three-quarters of a length. Friel's for Real was five lengths back in third.

Silmaril, from the first crop of Maryland-based sire Diamond, rewarded her backers with \$17.20.

Bred and owned by Sue and Stephen Quick of St. Omer's Farm in Forest Hill, Md., and their partner Dr. Chris Feifarek, a Towson, Md., radiologist, Silmaril pushed her career mark to more than \$400,000 while winning her sixth stakes for local trainer Chris Grove. It was her first graded victory.

"I didn't think she had a shot to beat Ashado, but Chris Grove was never afraid of Ashado," Sue Quick said.



Silmaril, a Maryland-bred daughter of Maryland sire Diamond, defeated Eclipse Award champion Ashado while capturing the Pimlico Breeders' Cup Distaff Handicap-G3 the day before the Preakness.

"She's just maturing and getting better, like, 'This is my job, now let me do it.' I was shocked."

A granddaughter of the Quicks' three-time Maryland-bred champion Kattegat's Pride, Silmaril has gradually improved from a tough Maryland-bred to a filly who can compete on the national level. Ashado went back to New York, the defeat chalked up to the sloppy race track. Silmaril went home to Bowie as the local hero.

"We didn't mind the mud, let it rain," Quick said. "It was a fun day. There were a bunch of people really excited." The Quicks, and Silmaril, had a special connection to the Preakness—Tim Ritchey trained Silmaril's dam, Kattebuck (by Spend a Buck).

Grove tries to pick out a three or four-race cycle for Silmaril with an ultimate goal

at the end of each cycle. Beating Ashado on Preakness weekend was a lofty goal.

"Each race is harder than the race before, and I get nervous. We all do," Quick said.

The Quicks look forward to racing Silmaril's 2-year-old half-brother, Our Rey, by Our Emblem, and her full sister born this spring, Kattebuck was bred back to Not For Love.

"Everybody always asks if Silmaril stood out," Quick said. "You wouldn't have picked her out of the crowd. She was always well behaved, and she's the kind that never does anything wrong."

When you manage a big-business operation like Todd Pletcher's, staying down for long doesn't happen. The 2004 Eclipse Award-winning trainer watched his charge Ashado wilt as the overwhelm-

ing favorite, but a half-hour later Pletcher had a consolation prize when favored Spun Sugar took care of business in the \$200,000 **Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2**. Owned by Stronach Stables, the daughter of Awesome Again won her third straight and her first stakes attempt in four lifetime starts.

Ridden by John Velazquez, Spun Sugar was nearly done in on the first turn when Edgar Prado's left rein broke on Merrill Gold. Prado yelled to his fellow riders and lurched up for a piece of the bridle as Velazquez tried to negotiate a way out of the predicament.

Once stabilized, Spun Sugar and Velazquez returned to business, and deftly drew away to win comfortably by three and three-quarters lengths over R Lady Joy and Pleasant Chimes.

AROUND THE OVALS

The **Miss Preakness Stakes-G3**, a six-furlong dash, rocked the Pimlico stakes spree into action on Friday. Arthur Hancock's homebred Burnish rallied from off the pace for her first career stakes victory.

Ridden by Rafael Bejarano and trained by Nick Zito, the

3-year-old filly by Menifee colared Maryland-based Partners Due in the final furlong to capture the \$100,000 stakes by two lengths. Partners Due held on for second, with Hot Storm third.

Fresh off of a 10¼-length score over the Keeneland slop,

Burnish handled the going and her six foes with ease.

After Friday's deluge, **The Very One Stakes** was the only race to stay on the grass. Eleven fillies and mares got to experiment on the soft turf in the final race of the day. Whether

it was the turf, or the five furlongs of speed and mayhem, the result was a shocker.

Gabianna, claimed for \$7,500 last fall and sent off at \$88.90-1, split the field to win her first stakes by a neck in a four-horse photo.

A 5-year-old daughter of Deerhound, Gabianna was bred in Maryland by Carol Kaye-Garcia (wife of trainer Carlos Garcia). She races for the Vision Realty Stables of Andre Vaughan, and is trained by Jorge Prado (Edgar's older brother). She clinched the first line of black type for both trainer and herself.

Prado came to the U.S. with Edgar in 1987. He and his wife, Kristen, train seven horses at Pimlico.

"The owner more or less wanted to enjoy the races and have a horse in on the big day," Kristen Prado said. "Jorge worked her on the turf, and she worked beautifully. We're used to having horses you have to hold together and make something out of. Jorge came home after Gabianna worked and said it had been a long time since we had something we could hope would perform. We do all the work ourselves. We've mucked



Stronach Stable's Spun Sugar, ridden by John Velazquez, made light work of the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2.



Burnish, owned and bred by Arthur Hancock, starred in the Miss Preakness Stakes-G3, getting her first career stakes win for trainer Nick Zito.



Gabianna, bred in Maryland by Carol Kaye-Garcia, survived a four-horse photo finish to take The Very One Stakes at odds of nearly 90-1.

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stalls together for many, many years. We've been grinding it out for a long time."

Under Horacio Karamanos, Gabianna ground out the win.

"I told Jorge to put [Edgar] on the horse and he said, 'Oh, he's here for other business. He doesn't want to ride a longshot,'" Kristen Prado said. "So there he was in the picture, on the ground, wearing a suit."

◆ Pletcher brought seven horses to Pimlico for the two days of stakes. While Ashado disappointed, Pletcher-trained English Channel rewarded chalk players with a cool run on the Preakness day undercard in the **Woodlawn Stakes** for 3-year-olds on the grass. The chestnut son of Smart Strike broke a step slowly and tapped the brakes on the final turn, but once clear, the conclusion was never in doubt, as he swept away for a four-length victory under John Velazquez.

A \$50,000 Keeneland yearling purchase, English Channel sports a three-for-four career record while racing exclusively on the turf. Owned by Avastar LLC and John Pregman, English Channel made his stakes debut in the Woodlawn. Judging by his turn of foot, stakes competition is right where he'll stay.

◆ The team of Jeremy Rose and Tim Ritchey rehearsed for the big race with a win in the **Murmur Farm Starter Handicap** on Preakness day. Restricted to horses who had started for a \$16,000 claiming tag since May 15, 2004, the \$50,000 stakes attracted stalwarts Quick Punch and P Day—Maryland-breds who between them have earned more than \$1 million, and are still going strong at ages 9 and 10, respectively. But they both found Testy Guy too strong.

Testy Guy, a Pennsylvania-bred, lured Ritchey to the claiming box last summer. The \$16,000 purchase price, on behalf of Stanley Stables, seemed steep until the son of Deputed Testamony won two in a row this winter at Oaklawn and rallied late to win the Murmur Farm. Yo Can Do finished second, with All Irish third. Quick Punch settled for fourth, while P Day could only muster a sixth.

◆ Graham Motion put away Film Maker last fall after she finished second to world-renowned Ouija Board (GB) in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1. The daughter of Dynaformer came back to Motion early this winter, and the Fair Hill-based trainer circled the **Gallorette Handicap-G3** on Preakness day as her comeback race.

Circled and achieved. Ridden by Jerry Bailey, Film Maker came from well off the pace to run down Briviesca



Todd Pletcher-trained English Channel was making his stakes debut when he swept to a four-length victory in the Woodlawn Stakes.



Testy Guy's victory in the Murmur Farm Starter Handicap served as a Preakness day warm-up for trainer Tim Ritchey and jockey Jeremy Rose.



Pimlico's venerable Gallorette Handicap-G3 marked the winning 2005 debut of Film Maker (with blinkers), the Graham Motion-trained filly who was runner-up in last year's Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1.

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Cool Conductor prevailed by a nose over Artie Schiller in the Dixie Stakes-G2.

filly she was last year and [the Breeders' Cup] is certainly our goal."



Richard Dutrow Jr. did it again. The New York-based trainer claimed a horse and won with him first time out. He does it at a 45 percent clip, and this time he accomplished the feat in a stakes. Willy o'the Valley cost Dutrow's client IEAH Stables \$100,000 in April at Keeneland, and returned all that investment, plus \$20,000, with a win in the **Maryland Breeders' Cup Handicap-G3** under Edgar Prado. With Distinction held on for second while Take Achance On Me lasted for third. Final time was a quick 1:09.95.

A 4-year-old son of Will's Way, Willy o'the Valley won five of 12 starts before Dutrow claimed him.



Two horses frightened away most of the \$200,000 **Dixie Stakes-G2** field. The turf stakes drew stars Artie Schiller and Better Talk Now, while Good Reward, Cool Conductor and Grato Recuerdo (Chi) seemed entered for third money.

Longshot Grato Recuerdo doled out soft early fractions, forcing Artie Schiller to sit close and Better Talk Now to fret. By the time they turned for home, Artie Schiller kicked, Better Talk Now's race was over, and Cool Conductor had something to say about first money.

Cool Conductor, fresh from an allowance race at Churchill Downs, battled Artie Schiller the length of the stretch and prevailed by a nose in his first race for trainer Ralph Nicks. Better Talk Now was never comfortable, failing to rally in fourth.

"The pace killed Better Talk Now. It was a disaster," Motion said. "For them to go a half in :52, that's unheard of. It's disappointing, he looks like



Pinpoint's frontrunning victory in the Sir Barton Stakes gave owner/breeder Arthur Hancock two winners in the Preakness week stakes extravaganza.

(GB) and Humoristic for her sixth career victory.

Owned by Courtlandt Farms, Film Maker finished second in last year's Gallorette before going on to win the Grade 3 All Along Breeders' Cup at Colonial Downs and then missing in her final three graded starts by a combined margin of three lengths.

"I thought she was pretty much ready to run. She had been in training since the first of January," Motion said. "I've always thought highly of her. I was hoping all week for some rain. She's a really neat filly, pretty special. She's just so consistent."

With a Grade 1 victory (Keeneland's 2003 Queen Eliz-

abeth II Cup) on her page and nearly \$1 million in the bank, Film Maker could have easily been retired last fall after her 4-year-old season. Motion's glad owner Don Adam wheeled her back for her fourth racing season.

"I wondered myself, but the plan was to always go ahead and run her again," Motion said. "When she was 2, I never could have said she would be the filly that she is. But she was impressive when she broke her maiden, and I knew then that she was a pretty serious horse. She's always been a dream to train and the easiest horse to be around."

"She and Better Talk Now [winner of the 2004 Breeders' Cup Turf-G1] are the only Grade 1 winners I've had, and she's pretty special," Motion said. "Any time you've got a filly that's so generous every time, it's hard not to get attached to them. This race was perfect. It worked out really well. I've got to think she's every bit the



Paul Pompa's Zakocity captured the William Donald Schaefer Handicap-G3, one race before the Preakness.

a really inconsistent horse, but he just needs a good, honest pace. It's very frustrating."

Owned by David Garner, Cool Conductor, a 4-year-old colt by Stravinsky, punched his record to four for 16, including graded wins in the Hawthorne Derby-G3 and the Dixie.



Nick Zito may have gone zero-for-three in the Preakness, but the proficiency of the Zito barn wasn't lost on the undercard. Pinpoint gave owner/breeder Arthur Hancock his second stakes win of the weekend when he wired the **Sir Barton Stakes**, for 3-year-olds at a mile and a sixteenth, under Rafael Bejarano. Smokescreen finished second, with Killenaule third. Making just his fourth career start, Pinpoint won his third in a row.



Zakocity tackled Eddington and Eurosilver in his previous two races. The latter two ran in the Pimlico Special-G1,



Willy o'the Valley, claimed by Richard Dutrow Jr. for \$100,000 in his previous start, won the Maryland Breeders' Cup Handicap-G3 under Edgar Prado.

while Zakocity opted for the **William Donald Schaefer Handicap-G3** one race before the Preakness.

Good call.

Jerry Bailey let the 4-year-old son of Precocity do what he does best—scurry to the lead and game it home. Clays Awesome made a stubborn

run at Zakocity but eventually withdrew, falling two and a half lengths behind the winner. Royal Assault finished third.

New York-based Pat Reynolds brought one horse, Paul Pompa's Zakocity, to Pimlico for the stakes weekend and took home one winner.

/Sean Clancy and Lucy Acton

He doesn't care where he goes or what he does, he's tough."

As the turf season unfolds this summer, Tom and Denise Walsh possess a daunting one-two punch in Artie Schiller and Gunning For. Trained by Jimmy Jerkens, Artie Schiller has tinkered between the mile and the marathon.

After finishing second in the mile and an eighth Dixie Stakes-G2 on Preakness Day, the son of El Prado (Ire) may stick to the mile, which would open the distance races to Gunning For.

"We'll probably go separate routes. Artie Schiller's more a miler, and Gunning For wants to run longer," Tim Walsh said. "By far, he's my big horse. We should have a good year. He won the Lawrence Realization off eight days' rest. Someone asked me if I was worried running him back in eight days. I said, 'Yeah, it was four days too many.' He was ready four days later. There's no bottom to this horse."

Tim Walsh worked as Tom's assistant when he had a string of jumpers. About four years ago, Tim took some cheaper horses for Tom and went out on his own.

"They gave me the opportunity that no one else would have, and now we've got better horses," Tim Walsh said. "I'm so glad to have a good one for them. It's a first-class operation. Everything's done right. Once you work for people like that, it makes you realize how you want to play this game. The horses are taken care of to the fullest extent."

Xtra Heat could be a role model for **Missile Bay**. An Eclipse Award-winning sprinter, Xtra Heat hailed from Maryland, and in honor of her, Pimlico hosted the first annual Xtra Heat Stakes for 3-year-old fillies on April 30.

Evan Gewirtz's Missile Bay did what Xtra Heat did best,

and wired the five-furlong stakes.

A daughter of Yes It's True, Missile Bay skipped over the sloppy going to win by two and three-quarters lengths over Coastal Strike and Partners Due. Trained by Scott Lake, Missile Bay has hit the board nine straight times with three victories.

There are writers and there are jockeys. On May 14, Pimlico patrons were greeted with one and the same. From 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hall of Fame jockey **Jerry Bailey** signed copies of his new book, *Against the Odds: Riding for My Life*.

An hour later, Bailey signed away the \$75,000 Hilltop Breeders' Cup Stakes with shipper **My Typhoon (Ire)**.

Originally on hand to sign copies of his autobiography, Bailey picked up the ride on the Bill Mott-trained filly after Pimlico's chief operating officer Lou Raffetto called Mott and hustled him for the mile and a sixteenth turf stakes.

Bailey, who rode the great Cigar for Mott, had himself a unique daily double.

A superbly bred daughter of Giant's Causeway out of champion Urban Sea, thus a half-sister to five stakes winners, including European champions Galileo (Ire), Black Sam Bellamy and Urban Ocean, My Typhoon bided her time before rallying past pacesetter Flashy Three (GB) to score by two lengths as the healthy favorite. Rutledge Ballado finished third.

If a member of the 6,680 on hand bet \$35.64 to win on My Typhoon, the \$24.95 book was basically free. ★

EDDINGTON HAS HIS DAY IN PIMLICO SPECIAL-G1

Trainer Mark Hennig knew he had a Grade 1 horse in his barn. However, the promising Eddington had been finding ways not to reach the winner's circle at the highest level. The good-looking chestnut finally pulled it all together in the Pimlico Special-G1 on May 20, to win by five and a quarter lengths over a sloppy track.

"It's been a long road," said the New York-based Hennig. "It's been frustrating at times, but we've always believed in this horse. We wish it could have come earlier, but he's a good horse." Owner Peter Willmott shared the sentiment: "Eddington is so talented, we felt he'd show his potential eventually."

The big-bodied 4-year-old son of Unbridled returned to Pimlico for the \$500,000 Pimlico Special with a record of 16-5-3-6 and earnings of \$916,760, but a past filled with frustration.

One of the more promising of last year's classic contenders, Eddington missed second place by a nose (a difference of \$75,000) in the Wood Memorial Stakes-G1, placing him too low on the graded earnings list to make the Kentucky Derby field.

The next best thing was to head fresh into the Preakness. Which worked, to a point. However, Smarty Jones's spectacular effort left everyone in the dust, and while Eddington finished third, not many noticed.

In the Belmont, Eddington took part as one of the villains who thwarted Smarty Jones's Triple Crown, helping prompt the pace that undid Smarty's bid. Eddington tired to be fourth.

Last summer, the colt continued to seek an elusive graded score. He finished third in the Grade 2 Jim Dandy (but was disqualified to fourth); third in the Grade 1 Travers Stakes; and, as even-money favorite, second in Meadowlands's Pegasus Stakes-G3. Finally, he triumphed, in the Calder Derby-G3 on the turf, getting up late to win by a head.

Over the winter, Eddington proved one thing—he loves Gulfstream Park. In six starts at the Florida track, he has four wins and two placings. He finished third to Saint Liam and Roses in May in the Donn Handicap-G1, and while those handicap heavyweights were chasing other prizes, Eddington remained at Gulfstream.

A decisive score in the Gulfstream Park Handicap-G2 seemed to be the turning point. But once again Eddington dropped the ball, finishing third as the overwhelming choice in the Oaklawn Handicap-G2, his start prior to the Pimlico Special.

Ever since the stakes win at Calder, Eddington has been teamed with jockey Eibar Coa, who has found a key to the horse—keep him happy.

"He's mentally still young," Coa said after the Special. "I have to keep him happy, or he gets upset and then stops trying." Which, explained Coa, was the situation at Oaklawn, when he tried to rate Eddington off a slow pace.

The Pimlico Special attracted a solid field of nine older runners, all but one seeking his first Grade 1 score. The exception was champion Funny Cide, making his first start at Pimlico since his dominating Preakness victory two years ago.

A sentimental choice of the 13,265 who braved rainy, windy conditions to watch the race at Pimlico, Funny Cide, sent off at 3.80-1, was also making his first start since his 10th-place finish in last year's Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 in Texas. The 5-year-old gelding, who seems to melt in hot, humid weather, got a break with cool temperatures for this year's Special (he scratched out of last year's race when summer-like conditions prevailed).

The sloppy track didn't deplete the field—the only scratches were morning-line favorite Badge of Silver and Second of June, and the latter would have been on hand had he not been forced to stay at Churchill Downs when that track quarantined his barn after a suspected equine herpes virus outbreak.

The evenly matched field had Eddington listed as the second choice at 2.60-1. Installed as the slight Special favorite was Offlee Wild (at 2.40-1), winner of three of his last four starts. In his most recent effort, Offlee Wild won the Excelsior Breeders' Cup Handicap-G3 by more than eight lengths over a sloppy track.

At the break, Maryland Million Classic winner Presidentialaffair assumed his customary frontrunning position, and cruised along through fractions of :23.25, :46.58 and 1:11.83, at times as much as two lengths on top. Tracking in order behind the leader for the first half-mile were Eurosilver, Funny Cide, Offlee Wild and Pollard's Vision. Eddington was rating kindly near the back. Grand Reward, winner of the Oaklawn Handicap, broke well, but got in tight, and accord-



JIM MOORE

Eddington outfinished Pollard's Vision and Presidentialaffair to win the Pimlico Special-G1. The victory made him a millionaire.

ing to rider Gary Stevens, "He displaced on me. He kind of panicked and wasn't going anywhere, so I took hold of him." Grand Reward was pulled up.

Heading down the backstretch, Funny Cide had moved up to second, in perfect position along the rail, with Offlee Wild to his outside. But trainer Barclay Tagg has often noted that the gelding really doesn't relish wet conditions, and said it again after the race: "I don't care what anybody says, he doesn't like mud. He doesn't like mud in the morning, and he doesn't like mud in the after-

noon. He was good and fit, and I thought he was going to run well, but when it rained like that, I was concerned about it." Funny Cide, highweighted at 120 pounds and giving three to six pounds to his rivals, wound up fourth.

As the field came around the far turn, Presidentialaffair still led, but Pollard's Vision began to pick it up along the rail as Eddington powered up on the outside. Unfortunately for Pollard's Vision, who has only one good eye (the left), he couldn't see the battle to his right. But it really wouldn't

have mattered if he had 20-20 vision, for Eddington was rolling.

With his blinkered head and red coat drenched in mud, Eddington went wide around the turn and Presidentialaffair, who was tiring from his early efforts. Eddington drifted in slightly, but was clear of second-placed Pollard's Vision, and crossed the line in 1:58.05, well off the track record of 1:52.55 set by Farma Way in the 1991 Pimlico Special.

Pollard's Vision was a length and three-quarters ahead of

Presidentialaffair, who held on for third.

With the \$300,000 winner's share of the purse, Eddington attained millionaire status. His bankroll now stands at \$1,216,760.

Eddington's first Grade 1 score couldn't have been timed much better. On April 26, it had been announced that the colt out of Fashion Star, by Chief's Crown, would be retired to Claiborne Farm in Paris, Ky., at the conclusion of his racing career. Claiborne was home to his late sire Unbridled.

/Cindy Deubler

AROUND THE OVALS

OPTIMISM SURROUNDS MONMOUTH PARK OPENING

MIKE FARRELL

An air of optimism surrounded the return of racing to Monmouth Park, and an earlier opening served only to heighten the enthusiasm.

Monmouth launched its 2005 meet on May 14, two weeks before the traditional Memorial Day weekend kickoff.

The first of 90 programs on the Jersey shore took place on a cool but clear afternoon before a crowd of 15,293.

"It was a great opening," said vice-president and general manager Bob Kulina. "The weather cooperated, and we had a good crowd. This is what we were hoping for, following the Derby weekend. There was a lot of racing in the news, and today's crowd with its enthusiasm reflects the excitement of the Triple Crown."

The early start was the result of a schedule shift. Monmouth will give up Wednesdays in the fall to race two additional weekends in the spring.

Horsemen certainly have reason to look ahead expectantly, with the track planning to distribute record daily purses of \$325,000, thanks to last year's agreement with the Atlantic City casinos.

Fans will start to enjoy the amenities that will result from up to \$17 million being spent in renovations and restorations for the 2007 Breeders' Cup. Major projects include installation of a new turf course this fall and reopening of the dor-



Hobbeu Farm's Smokume, trained by Hall of Famer Allen Jerkens, captured the Decathlon Stakes on opening day, May 14.



Avery Hall, racing as a homebred for New Jersey-based Timber Creek Farms, won the Open Mind Handicap under Harry Vega.

mant patio terrace overlooking the clubhouse turn.

"We focus on the Breeders' Cup that's coming soon, but not just the Breeders' Cup," said senior vice-president of racing Dennis Dowd. "We have used that focus to do things that should have been done in the past, but will be done now and in the future."

The highlight of the meet will be the Grade 1, \$1 million Haskell Invitational for 3-year-olds on August 7. Other major events include the Grade 1, \$750,000 United Nations on the turf on July 2, the Grade 2, \$300,000 Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup Handicap for fillies and mares on July 9 and the Grade 3, \$250,000 Philip H. Iselin Breeders' Cup Handicap on August 28.

The opening day stakes generated no surprise, as odds-on favorite Smokume began his

4-year-old campaign by winning the \$65,000 Decathlon Stakes.

The son of Smoke Glacken, trained by Hall of Famer Allen Jerkens, ran the six furlongs in 1:09.85 to beat Vinemeister by one and three-quarters lengths, with Bold Days third.

Hobbeu Farm's Smokume settled into a nice stalking trip to give Chantal Sutherland, a Sovereign Award winner in Canada, her first U.S. stakes victory in her initial visit to Monmouth.

"I like it here," Sutherland said. "It's a very cool place."

The temperamental Smokume echoes that sentiment. He's unbeaten in two starts at Monmouth, having also won the off-the-turf Gilded Time Stakes in May 2004.

"This horse is wild and crazy, so Allen just wanted to make sure he was comfortable

and able to run his race," said assistant trainer Eddie Aizate. "He was ready to go today."

The opening day card also showcased a breeding oddity: three full brothers from consecutive crops raced on the same program. All three sons of Forest Wildcat out of New Farm's Gold Plum (by Cahill Road) earned purse checks.

Sherwood Forest, the senior member of the trio at 5, won the sixth, a New Jersey-bred allowance race. Jersey Peach, the baby of the bunch at 3, ran third in the eighth, another New Jersey-bred allowance. And Wild Jam, the middle brother, bred in Kentucky, was fourth in the Decathlon.

Timber Creek Farms's homebred Avery Hall closed out the opening weekend stakes action on May 15 with a commanding five-length win in the \$60,000 Open Mind Handicap for New Jersey-bred fillies and mares.

The 3-year-old, making only her fifth start, took command early with Harry Vega aboard and never looked back, running six furlongs in 1:11.33.

"I wasn't too worried about her facing older fillies and mares today, because she's such a nice filly," said trainer Cynthia Reese, who with her husband, Walter, owns and operates Timber Creek. "Today she proved that she has the ability to compete at this level. We'll probably look for another stakes race, but it all depends on how she comes out of this one."

The win improved her record to 5-3-1-0 and pushed her earnings to \$105,700.

Lloyd Lockhart, 79, stood tall one May morning outside his Monmouth barn. The fact the trainer was upright and supervising a 10-horse stable was a medical miracle.

Lockhart, the father of New England-based trainer Lori Lockhart, suffered crippling back pain during last year's

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Monmouth and Meadowlands meets.

"I was pretty bad," Lockhart recalled. "I've now got feeling back in my legs. They were paralyzed then."

Lockhart was running out of options. He didn't want surgery, leaving two choices: a wheelchair or one final course of treatment. Fortunately, a form of therapy using what

is known as a DRX machine helped to resolve the problem.

Lockhart can again move freely and has discarded the cane he needed for balance.

"I walk back and forth to the track five or six times [daily]," Lockhart said. "It's great to keep moving." ★

LOCAL HANDICAPPERS LIVE DERBY DREAM AT PHILADELPHIA PARK

LINDA DOUGHERTY

Gil and Helen Harvey of Newtown, Pa., boxed three horses in a \$2 trifecta combination on May 7 at Philadelphia Park, then found themselves \$99,851.80 richer (after taxes) when they correctly selected the top three finishers in the 131st Kentucky Derby.

"She picked 'em," said Gil. "I got her a *Daily News* and a *Racing Form*, and she did the rest."

"I'm sort of a Court T.V. buff, so I took Closing Argument," explained Helen. "The papers said that if Giacomo could run late, he might pass some of the tiring horses and really tilt the board, so I played him. And I, myself, am a cancer survivor and was taken by the whole idea of Afleet Alex and Alex's Lemonade Stand."

The couple is no stranger to good fortune. Back in 1989, Helen cashed a lottery ticket worth \$4.25 million.

Philadelphia Park experienced its largest-ever Kentucky Derby handle, with \$6,972,262 wagered through the Philadelphia Park network (on-track, six Turf Clubs and Phonebet).

"We had indications that we were in for a big day," said Joe Wilson, vice-president of operations. "Going into Saturday [Derby day], our advance wagering for Thursday and Friday had already hit an all-time high."

Several patrons hit the jackpot by betting through Philadelphia Park. In addition to the Harveys, who cashed a \$2 trifecta for \$133,134.80, a South Philadelphia Turf Club patron—who remains unidentified—cashed a \$1 superfecta ticket worth nearly \$1 million.

Also, a \$3 trifecta ticket was cashed for \$200,000, three additional players had \$2 trifecta tickets, and one player cashed a \$1 Pick 4 ticket worth more than \$84,000.

Philadelphia Park reported that eight more patrons had \$1 winning trifecta box tickets worth almost \$67,000.

Two homebreds from the stable of longtime local horseman Bob Seeger broke their maidens in early May.

Seeger's **Favorite Gold** tallied in a five and a half-furlong maiden special weight on May 8. The 3-year-old filly was sired by My Favorite Grub, whom Seeger campaigned, and is out of the Tri for the Gold mare Gold to Capture. Seeger and his wife, Robin, bred and raced graded stakes winner Tri for the Gold, and stand him at stud in Pennsylvania.

Put Out the Fuse scored for the Seegers on May 10. A 3-year-old son of Lite the Fuse—Lida's Fling, by Quadratic, Put Out the Fuse defeated a field of 11 rivals in winning a six and a half-furlong maiden test by four and a half lengths.

One-time Kentucky Derby hopeful **Rockport Harbor** and two promising fillies from the Fox Hill Farm of owner Rick Porter returned from Oaklawn Park to the Philadelphia Park barn of trainer John Servis on May 1.

Rockport Harbor was plagued by foot problems and a neck infection during the winter, and an unplaced finish in the April 23 Lexington Stakes-G2 at Keeneland prompted Porter and Servis to abandon any hope of running the gray son of Unbridled's Song in the Derby.

Accompanying "Rocky" was **Round Pond**, who captured the Fantasy Stakes-G2 at Oaklawn for Porter, and the Grindstone filly Flowerbud.

"They treated us really well at Oaklawn," said Bobby Velez, Servis's assistant and exercise rider. "We had a good meet, despite the problems that Rockport Harbor had."

Kentucky-based farrier Ian McKinlay had examined the right rear foot of Rockport Harbor, which was injured during the running of the Grade 2 Remsen Stakes in November, and was monitoring its healing progress.

Bill Foster, 65, who recently retired as Servis's longtime barn foreman, ran his first horse as an owner at Philadelphia Park on May 16. Running under the stable name Smarty's Gift Stable, I'ma Wild One was unplaced in the 10th race, a \$15,000 claiming test, under jockey Harry Vega. Robert E. (Butch) Reid Jr. trains the 5-year-old mare.

Foster owns I'ma Wild One, plus two other horses, with his

girlfriend, Shelley Abrams, whom he met during Smarty Jones's Triple Crown campaign last year.

"I got I'ma Wild One in California through Jack Van Berg, whom I've known for years," said Foster. "She broke her maiden when I took her to Oaklawn this spring, and I'm anxious to try her on the grass."

Apprentice **Jonathan Joyce** has made the most of his opportunities at Philadelphia Park since arriving from the New York circuit in late 2004.

The Long Island native currently is tied for 10th position in the Philadelphia Park jockeys' standings, with 22 winners from 266 starters. Yet if it hadn't been for some advice from one of racing's top trainers, Joyce might not be visiting the winner's circle with such regularity.

"I was working as an exercise rider for Billy Mott at Belmont and Saratoga," said Joyce, 20, "and when I got my apprentice license I started riding at last year's fall/winter meet at Aqueduct. Mike Hushion put me on my first winner. Things weren't going as well as I'd like, though, so I talked to Mr. Mott and asked him where I might be able to ride more. He suggested Philadelphia Park. I made some connections and so far things have gone well for me."

Joyce originally learned to ride jumpers but was always attracted to the race track. His mother, Anne Marie, is a mutuels clerk at the NYRA tracks. ★

AROUND THE OVALS

DELAWARE PARK RAISES STAKES FOR 2005

LINDA DOUGHERTY

Spring officially arrived in the Delaware Valley on April 30, when historic Delaware Park opened for its 135-day live race meet. Racing continues through November 13.

Delaware Park dates back to 1937, and owes its enduring charm to founder William F. duPont Jr., who designed the track with its leafy paddock and picnic groves. It has undergone a dramatic revival since slots were introduced in December 1995, under the ownership of William M. Rickman and his son William M. Rickman Jr.

Among the new touches for 2005:

Several key stakes on Delaware Park's 2005 calendar will receive substantial purse increases.

The Grade 2 Delaware Handicap, set for July 17, has been boosted from \$750,000 to \$1 million, becoming the first million-dollar event in the track's history.

The Kent Breeders' Cup-G3, to be run on June 25, has been increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000, while the Robert G. Dick Memorial Breeders' Cup Handicap on July 16 also



Maddalena, stabled at Delaware Park with a Todd Pletcher-trained string, won the Legal Light Stakes on opening day.



Egg Head, trained by Lynda Knee, aired by nine and a half lengths as the favorite in the Francis "Jock" LaBelle Memorial Stakes.

doubles in value from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

"These purse increases show our commitment to quality racing at Delaware Park," said the track's chief operating officer Bill Fasy. "By upping the ante, we will continue to attract the best horses and horsemen nationally."

Delaware's Festival of Racing Weekend, on July 16 and 17, will culminate with a live telecast of the Delaware Handicap on ESPN2.

During the winter, improvements were made to the grandstand and backstretch, including the replacement of old seats and the opening of two new bunkhouses for workers on the backstretch. Several plasma televisions were installed for simulcasting.

On Delaware Handicap weekend, the track will become the first in the nation to offer a "Two for Six" bet, which is a Pick Six that allows a player to select which six races on

the card he wants to include, rather than having to use six pre-selected consecutive races.

The Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program (DCTP), now in its third year, has been expanded. The DCTP offers bonuses for horses who spend a minimum of 90 days on a Delaware farm or training facility prior to March 31 of their 2-year-old year and later race at Delaware Park.

Owner and certifier bonuses have been increased from 10 to 15 percent of the purse share for a horse who finishes first, second or third in any race, including stakes. However, the stakes bonus cannot exceed \$5,000 for either the owner or certifier.

Also, two Delaware Certified restricted stakes have been added to the racing calendar. The \$50,000 Delaware Certified Stakes, for 3-year-olds and up, will be contested at six furlongs, and the \$50,000 Delaware Certified Distaff, also at six furlongs, will feature fillies and mares. Both races will be run on October 2.

Jockey Jose Caraballo established a new track record of sorts when he won the first race on opening day at Delaware for the fourth consecutive year.

Caraballo booted home Apache Flyer for owner Mike Gill and trainer Mark Shuman, a mount he picked up at the last minute. When the overnight for Delaware's initial card of 2005 was issued, he was not named on a horse in the first race, but his agent, Joe French, managed to get him the call for Shuman.

"It's a challenge now," said Caraballo, 39. "Next year, I'll shoot for five."

Trainer Todd Pletcher, who has stabled 40 horses at Delaware Park this year, made an impact on the first live card when he saddled Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor's Maddalena to win the \$75,000 Legal Light Stakes.

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Last year's leading jockey at Delaware Park, Ramon Dominguez, rode the 3-year-old Maryland-bred daughter of Good and Tough, who prevailed by a length over All Platinum. She was timed in 1:11.68 for the six furlongs, contested over a sloppy surface.

"She got a little tired because it was her first race over the track," said Dominguez. "Even if she was training on it, it seems like a lot of horses still need a race over the track."

Maddalena entered the Legal Light off of a fifth-place finish in the Forward Gal Stakes-G2 at Gulfstream Park, her only loss in her first six starts.

Dominguez won three races on opening day, which drew a crowd of 8,647 despite rain and a sloppy track. Live on-track handle was \$368,560, while total handle was \$1,504,350.

Total handle on Delaware's first two programs on April 30 and May 1 was \$2,712,610, a 21 percent increase from 2004, when total handle was \$2,246,109 for the first Saturday and Sunday of the meet.

The Rabbit's Foot Stable's homebred **Egg Head**, trained by Lynda Knee, proved much the best in capturing the \$75,000 Francis "Jock" LaBelle Memorial Stakes for 3-year-

olds on May 7, drawing away from eight competitors to win by nine and a half lengths as the favorite.

Ridden by Josh Hampshire Jr., the Philadelphia Park-based son of Honor Grades stalked the early pace set by Magoo's Magic, then moved four-wide to take command at the head of the stretch and win as his rider pleased.

Egg Head completed the six furlongs in 1:11.28. Lieutenant Danz was second, while Shmooo was a nose behind in third. It was the fourth win from six lifetime starts for Egg Head, and his first stakes victory. He has now earned \$105,420.

Egg Head is a half-brother to stakes winner Chief J Strongbow and stakes-placed Catsuit, both of whom were also trained by Knee.

Immediately following Egg Head's impressive win in the LaBelle Memorial, an emerging star from the John Servis stable destroyed a field of eight other fillies and mares in winning an allowance test at six furlongs.

Fox Hill Farms's **Flowerbud**, a 3-year-old daughter of Cape Town, took the lead at the half-mile pole and steadily drew away under **Jason Lumpkins**

to win by seven and a half lengths.

Lumpkins, incidentally, has shifted his tack from Northern California to Delaware for the '05 meet on the advice of his agent, Corey Black. He rode his first winner since his arrival on May 2, piloting Charming Boy in a six-furlong claiming event for owner Mike Gill and trainer Mark Shuman.

Lumpkins rode his first career winner at Delaware in 1988 before heading west.

Also on the May 7 card, the regally bred **Contrast** captured her debut by four lengths for owner/breeder Jayeff B Stables. A 3-year-old daughter of Unbridled out of champion Safely Kept, Contrast led all the way in the six-furlong test to complete the distance in 1:11.84 under jockey Stewart Elliott. She's trained by Safely Kept's conditioner Alan Goldberg.

When 2-year-old **Master of Disaster** broke his maiden in his first start on May 10 by 13¼ lengths under Ramon Dominguez—equaling Delaware's four and a half-furlong track mark of :51.86—he seemed to justify the hefty price his owners paid for him as the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's February sales top-per at \$600,000.

A chestnut son of Dance Master—More d'Amour, by Tour d'Or, Master of Disaster was purchased by trainer Steve Klesaris, agent, for the Puglisi Stables of owner Jeffrey Puglisi. After the maiden victory, in which Master of Disaster earned \$20,400, Klesaris said he's considering several stakes races for the colt.

"We gave him a little breather to let him unwind after the sale," said Klesaris. "We let the horses dictate to us when they're ready to begin. It's a little early to get these things cranked up, but he's done everything so well and has been 100 percent."

Klesaris believes that Master of Disaster will be able to stretch out as the year progresses.

"He's a real pro all around, and there's no doubt in my mind he'll stretch out," said Klesaris. "When he broke his maiden, he jumped out of the gate, took the lead and immediately came off the bridle and just relaxed. Ramon came back and said that he was totally relaxed all the way around. In the mornings I've breezed him between horses, and he settles down nicely." ★

WINNING AT CHARLES TOWN —WITH PRIDE

JEFF GILLEAS

Governor's Pride, a seven-time stakes winner who once was one of the fastest horses on the East Coast, now competes at the bottom rung of the claiming ladder. On April 29, the 8-year-old gelding exhibited his habitual early speed en route to a narrow win at Charles Town.

Now in the capable hands of Charles Town's top-five conditioner Ernest Haynes, and ridden by his regular pilot, leading Charles Town jockey Gerald Almodovar, Governor's Pride was recording his 16th career victory.

A son of recently deceased West Virginia stallion Housebuster, Governor's Pride boosted his earnings to \$458,540, enough to place him among the top 10 on his sire's all-time money-earners list. Trainer Tim Ritchey sent the gelding out for his last stakes win, when Governor's Pride captured Pimlico's five-furlong Ben Cohen Stakes on the turf on May 20, 2004.

A well-bred first-time starter was noticeably disregarded at the windows among a field of nine assembled for a four and a half-furlong maiden spe-

cial weight on April 29, but ran to her credentials.

It was an April ceremony in the winner's circle for the 3-year-old filly **Royal Wedding**. Trained by Joseph Yourchisin, the filly is the mirror image of her sire High Yield, and was produced from the Vice Regent mare Regal Consort. Ridden by Pedro Monterrey Jr., the Confetti Farms youngster returned a robust \$22.60.

Trainer Javier Contreras tightened the girth on a highly touted candidate making his debut on May 4. With workouts at three training sites (Belmont,

MR. SMITH BIDS FAREWELL TO THE GAME HE LOVES

Frank Smith Jr., 83, officially retired in June after 59 years as a trainer.

Like the Blue Ridge Mountains, Smith is a treasure in the West Virginia skyline.

He won his first race at Monmouth on June 29, 1946. The horse's name was Conrad Mann, ridden by the late Ted Atkinson.

Charles Town and its now-defunct neighbor Shenandoah Downs were host to many of Smith's other memorable runners.

Remunerate (who won the first running of the Tri-State Futurity in 1962), General Stevens, Appointment, Hail Babe, Good Price, Rush Straight Thru, Coppabarb, Platterland, Knickers Ina Twist, and his all-time favorite, Jiva Coolit, head the extensive list.

At one time, the mention of Jiva Coolit's name would strike fear into the hearts of competing horsemen. Purchased at a Kentucky sale for a mere \$1,800, and owned by Smith's wife, Mildred (Babe), and Patricia Brown, Jiva Coolit raced for nine years, winning the 1977 Valley Sprint Championship at age 5, and placing in two other stakes. From 113 starts, he had 36 wins, and earnings of \$218,292.

Charles Town's present-day jockeys' room supervisor, Dennis Kirk, had the pleasure of being Jiva Coolit's regular rider. He was astride for 14 of the horse's victories.

"When he stepped onto the race track, Jiva was the master of all that he surveyed," said Kirk. "I recall Frank as the consummate judge of his horse's ability; it was uncanny how he could ascertain his horse's condition and chances for success.

"On any given night, I knew that when the instructions were issued I had better follow them to the letter. The word *horseman* is often tossed around rather flippantly in racing, but in Frank's case it defined him."

Maryland steward Phil Grove, a Charles Town riding icon, is another who owes Smith an ample debt of gratitude. Grove's apprentice years were spent in the shedrow of his employer, teacher and friend.

Smith was born into a farming family in Salem, N.J., and left home at age 15 to seek his fortune. His first stop was Cranwood Park, in Ohio, where he learned the art of grooming, exercise riding and eventually race-riding.

He joined the Army Air Corps in 1942, and spent the next three and a half years overseas. Honorably discharged in 1945, Smith then



focused his attention on training. During his career, Smith considers his greatest claim, and still number one asset, to be his wife of 52 years.

They have three daughters and nine grandchildren.

Smith served on the board of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and various committees both at Charles Town and in Maryland for more than 19 years.

He credits his longevity to terrific owners and the credo by which he still lives: "Be honest and deal with people in the manner you would want to be treated."

According to Smith, "Good horses are synonymous with good owners. I was blessed with people who trusted my judgment. I can never pay back Ed Gilman, Vincent Sheehy, Ralph Thomas, Larry LeHew, Paul Miller, Richard Mills, Chris Brown and Mary Moore. However, it is time now for me to relax and let the younger generation move to the fore."

In his heyday, Smith drove a signature pink Cadillac. Class and grace described the car, yet more significantly the man behind the wheel.

/Jeff Gilleas

Bowie and Charles Town), **Come On Laroy** ran like a seasoned professional while annihilating a sound field.

Owned by Phyllis Susini, whose Captain Bodgit finished second in the 1997 Kentucky Derby and third in the Preakness, the gray/roan gelding took the lead from the outset under jockey Oscar Flores, and won by a widening eight lengths.

Wearing blinkers for his initial start, the Florida-bred son of Slew Gin Fizz exhibited ground-eating strides in the four-and-one-half furlong event. The bullet ledger of works led his backers to an \$8 mutuel payoff.

The garrison at Charles Town was invaded by a contingent of South Carolina-bred horses, who laid siege to the local competition during the month of May.

The bombardment started with the program opener on May 4. **The Basket Weaver** swept to the lead nearing the wire, providing a lucrative \$25 dividend to his investors. Owned by her breeder Franklin Smith Sr. and trained by Franklin Smith Jr., the 3-year-old chestnut daughter of the Smiths' home stallion Ride the Storm turned aside a \$10,000 maiden field.

Ridden by Dale Whittaker, The Basket Weaver is a product of her owner's Ellore Training Center in Ellore, S.C.

Just a couple of races later, Kitty Mackie's **Glory Morning** held sway for her first career victory. The eye-catching daughter of Kokand prevailed under an invigorating ride by Kendrick Carmouche. Trained by Susan Cooney and bred by her owner, the South Carolina-bred filly paid \$3.40.

The next day, the line of defense was again penetrated as **Minersdixigirl** flattened a modest group by more than 11 lengths. Bred in South Carolina by Mary Wagers, owned by Mary Charpia, and trained by Charles Hostler, the 4-year-old

filly by Miner made up for her earlier mischievous ways.

The Gamecock State's success continued in the ninth race when **Peaceful Presence** smashed her humble group. Racing for the first time for leading conditioner Ronney Brown, the dark bay filly by Play Both Ends returned \$6. Triumphant jockey Oscar Flores accepted congratulations from owner Susan Schreiber.

A dependable and improving 3-year-old by the name of **Sueno Del Mar** shipped from

his Laurel Park headquarters on April 28 and toyed with older rivals in a six and a half-furlong allowance race. His time was a very respectable 1:19.96.

Trained by Phil Schoenthal for Woodlynn Farm and ridden by Gerald Almodovar, Sueno Del Mar (by Behrens) has been a new horse since the addition of blinkers. His 8-1 morning-line odds went ignored by the public, and he paid \$4.

The feature race on May 5 marked the return of jockey **Travis Dunkelberger**, who

had been sidelined for weeks due to a skiing accident.

Dunkelberger's athleticism was put to the test in the seven-furlong event, as he broke from post position 10 in the filly and mare contest.

The confidence that owners Joseph Muldoon, Michael Zanella and Charles Reed placed in the "Dunk" allowed them to collect the victor's percentage of the \$24,500 purse with **Home Run Hitter**.

Breaking from the gate as if she were shot out of a can-

non, the 5-year-old daughter of Grand Slam led every step of the way and widened late to score by 10 lengths. She had not been in the winner's circle since March 19, 2004.

Fittingly, Dunkelberger had been the last jockey to maneuver the Ben Feliciano-conditioned sprinter to victory.

Home Run Hitter combined with Leavn Ona Jetplane for a \$20.20 exacta. *



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AROUND THE OVALS

PENN NATIONAL FANS CASH IN ON KENTUCKY DERBY

LINDA DOUGHERTY

Jockey Thomas Clifton and trainer John Zimmerman teamed up the night of May 5 to win a four and a half-furlong starter allowance with Bradley Rowe and Joseph Besecker's **Kens Dancer**, who equaled the track record while completing the distance in :50.59.

Kens Dancer broke sharply, took the lead immediately and never relinquished it, drawing clear in deep stretch to post a six and a half-length victory as the favorite in the field of six.

Second choice Bold Rhythm, with Emilio Flores up, tried to keep pace early with the winner but settled for the runner-up spot, while Time to Be Sassy was blocked behind horses early and finished third.

Kens Dancer, a 7-year-old gelding by Mutakddim, was

named Penn National's top sprinter in 2004 and was runner-up in horse of the year balloting behind Migwaki. He was sidelined all of 2003 as a result of an injury, then returned in '04 to win seven of 14 starts.

"He strained a tendon, and we laid him up for a while and then brought him back," said Zimmerman, who is second in the Penn National trainer's standings behind Bruce Kravets, with 30 wins from 132 starts. "Then he needed work on his airway. But he's really come around for us."

Penn National gave some lucky fans more than \$19,000 in complimentary winnings after 50-1 longshot Giacomo upset the 131st Kentucky Derby.

The track distributed \$2 win tickets, on a random basis, to all

fans 18 and older who arrived between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. for the Derby simulcast. A total of 190 tickets were given away on each of the 20 starters in the race.

"We did this last year exclusively on Smarty Jones, but this time our marketing department felt the Derby was a wide-open affair," said general manager and vice-president Richard Schnaars. "As it turned out, we had some very happy men and women cash out on the biggest winners they've ever had at the races."

The Grantville oval handled \$295,329 on the Derby itself, a 9 percent boost from the 2004 handle of \$272,241, and well ahead of the \$233,219 bet in 2003. Overall Derby betting for the track and its six off-track wagering facilities was \$1,190,922, compared to \$1,104,299 last year and \$972,739 in 2003.

Live racing at Penn National was canceled on May 14 after the conclusion of the third race on the scheduled nine-race program. The jockeys felt that an insufficient number of assistant starters was available to work the remainder of the races on the program. Only three starters were loading horses into the gate, the result of a dispute with management over wages.

Leading trainer Bruce Kravets added to his win total the night of May 18 when he gave a leg up to his son Justin on Charles F. Burnside's **Trail Drive** in an allowance for 3-year-olds at six furlongs.

Sent off the favorite in the field of six, Trail Drive gave his backers a scare. After opening a three-length lead in the stretch, he just held on to post a neck decision over runner-up Skip Fighter, with Jorge Tipa aboard. ★



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John Zimmerman: a trainer on the rise

by Linda Dougherty



With a little help from his friends, John Charles Zimmerman is a rising force within the ranks of Mid-Atlantic trainers.

Known for years as a master of the claiming game, Zimmerman, 45, who launched his career at Penn National in 1983, saddled winners at a high percentage rate not only at that track, but also at ovals in West Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey. He earned a reputation as an expert with older horses, many of whom had physical problems.

Every year, he has expanded his stable, won more races, and improved the quality of his stock. Two years ago he sent a small string of his better horses to Delaware Park. The results were so encouraging that he sent more horses in 2004. At the conclusion of the '04 Delaware meet, Zimmerman took that contingent to Palm Meadows Training Center while racing at nearby Gulfstream Park.

The improving quality of Zimmerman's stable became indisputably clear this spring, when he sent out Thomas McClay and Harry Nye's 3-year-old colt More Smoke to capture the Grade 3 \$100,000 Lafayette Stakes on April 10 at Keeneland.

It was Zimmerman's first graded stakes win, and capped a milestone weekend. The day before, Zimmerman saddled Procreate, a 7-year-old Maryland-bred gelding also owned by McClay and Nye, to win Gulfstream Park's \$50,000 Yankee Affair Stakes in world record-setting time (:53.79 for five furlongs).

Zimmerman ended the Gulfstream meet with 12 wins from 57 starts. And he's still going strong, with More Smoke having added a victory in the

Select Stakes at Monmouth on May 21.

"Now, I'd say 30 percent are not claimers," said Zimmerman of his current stable. "Hopefully that percentage will get even higher."

But if it weren't for the encouragement of his friends and clients—notably trainer Scott Lake—Zimmerman might not have ventured far from home.

"Scott definitely helped me a whole lot in getting jump-started," said Zimmerman, who lives in Harrisburg, Pa., with his wife, Kimberly, and their three children, Mallory (18), Matthew (15) and Brett (3). "We had a conversation, and he said, 'You need to have a little confidence in yourself and go on with it.' It's not that I didn't have the confidence in myself, it was just hard for me to leave my family, to leave for the winters to go to Gulfstream. But it was something I needed to do for my career."

"I watched Scott do it at three different places successfully," said Zimmerman. "He did it at three tracks, and I figured I could make it work at two. And it surely has worked, and it's been good. Probably if it hadn't been for someone like Scott, I might not have taken that step."

Added Zimmerman: "I have a great bunch of clients. Dave Sadoo of Tradewinds Stable

gave me support and supplied me with the tools I needed to compete at Delaware and Gulfstream. He's been behind me 100 percent for just about my whole career, and you couldn't find a better friend or a client to do business with. He's been one of the keys to my success. There's times when the chips are down a little bit, and he's not one of those guys that put pressure on you. He's good about that—he lets me do my job."

Lake, who started at Penn National in the 1990s and has strings in New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland, said he wanted to see his friend do well.

"I've known John since I was 15 years old," said Lake. "We've been really close, close friends since 1991. He's an excellent horseman and his horses all look great. I was in a similar situation with my family, as my young daughter was living in Harrisburg, and I told John that when he makes the move, he'll find the time to be with his kids. There will always be time for them."

Zimmerman currently has 40 horses at Delaware Park and another 60 at Penn National, employing 18 grooms and seven exercise riders as well as three assistants. He spends two or three days a week at Penn National, and the rest at Delaware Park. Two jockey's

agents whom he regards as friends as well as colleagues help him with condition book work—John Krulock at Penn National, and George Kubica at Delaware. Krulock is the agent for Thomas Clifton and William Otero at Penn, while Kubica handles Clinton Potts, a former leading rider at Penn National who has teamed with Zimmerman on many winners in Florida and at Delaware.

"A 10-minute conversation with John [Krulock] and George [Kubica] each day saves me hours of looking through condition books," said Zimmerman. "I do a lot of the work myself, too, but with three people looking, we don't miss a lot of spots. I surround myself with good people, and that goes from the assistants to the grooms to the agents."

As for Potts, who rode More Smoke to victory in both stakes, he, too, is a longtime friend.

"Clinton is very underrated as far as a rider goes," said Zimmerman. "We work well together—he rides hard in the morning and afternoon and really suits my horses. For some reason, maybe it's the way I train, we just click together. We've been friends for years and years. I had knocks on the door for other riders at Keeneland, but nobody could have ridden More Smoke any better."

Zimmerman said that, thanks to his owners, he's using his keen eye for a horse at yearling and 2-year-old sales. He bought More Smoke for \$30,000 on McClay and Nye's behalf at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale. And he has high hopes for the 2-year-old Dave's Jet, champion Declan's Moon's half-brother by Unbridled Jet, whom he purchased for Tradewinds Stable for \$70,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale.

In winning the Select Stakes, More Smoke increased his life-

time mark to five wins from eight starts, for earnings of \$199,577, and has an average winning margin of nearly seven and a half lengths. But when Zimmerman first began training the Smoke Glacken colt, he didn't think he'd turn out to be a stakes winner.

"He was a really average horse getting ready to run," he said. "He didn't show any real speed, and the first time we ran him, we stuck him in a \$25,000 maiden claiming race. Boy, the sparks flew that day! He was just a different animal once he got in the starting gate. But I had a bunch of cheaper horses that were outworking him in the morning, and I wasn't real high on him until after we ran him that first time. He's definitely put it all together since then."

Zimmerman believes his patience with older stock has helped him do well with younger horses.

"Patience is the key with any horse," he said. "If you don't have patience, I'm not your guy. Take Procreate, for an example. When Tom [McClay] sent him to me, I took every bit of three months to re-program him and bring him around again. There's not many owners that will send you a horse that's racing fit and give you three months to regroup."

Zimmerman has also taken things step by step in his own career. He grew up in Harrisburg, not far from Penn National, and made a beeline to Penn National's backstretch immediately after he graduated high school in 1978, first learning to shoe horses, then groom, ride and finally train.

"Every year in this business, my numbers just seem to get better," he said. "I'm one of the few people who can say that they've never had a really bad year. And every time I think we can't top the year we've just had, we do." ★

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CHAMPION HOUSEBUSTER DEAD

Two-time sprint champion Housebuster, whose stud career was revitalized when Donna Hayes's The Stallion Company resyndicated him and brought him back from Japan to stand in Virginia in 2002, died on May 15 at a veterinary clinic in Virginia. The cause of death was not disclosed. The 18-year-old stallion was standing the 2005 season at the Funkhouser family's O'Sullivan Farms near Charles Town, W.Va., and covered 42 of 65 mares booked to him this year.

"He was an integral part of our plan to bring good stallions to the region," said Hayes. "When his current 2-year-olds start running, everyone will realize how important he was."

A handsome son of Mt. Livermore out of stakes winner Big Dreams (by Great Above), Housebuster entered stud at Jonabell Farm in Kentucky in 1992 after a dazzling career on the race track, where he won 15 of 22 starts (17 stakes wins and placings, 13 in graded company) and earned \$1,229,696.

Campaigned by Robert P. Levy, Housebuster was a stakes winner at 2, taking the Morven Breeders' Cup Stakes by seven lengths at Meadowlands.

He earned his first Eclipse Award in 1990 under the direction of new trainer Warren (Jimmy) Croll, winning nine of 11 starts his 3-year-old season, including the Grade 1 Jerome Handicap and seven other graded stakes, all at a mile or less. Earlier that year, in his first start against older horses, Housebuster was beaten a neck by eventual horse of the year Criminal Type in the Metropolitan Handicap-G1.

Housebuster earned his second consecutive Eclipse Award after capturing the Grade 1

Vosburgh Stakes and Carter Handicap, as well as the Grade 2 Forego Handicap and the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash, the latter over a field that included 1989 Eclipse Award-winning sprinter Safely Kept.

From his first 10 crops to race, Housebuster has sired 32 stakes winners, 24 stakes-placed runners and the earners of more than \$36 million. Many of his best runners have competed in other countries, led by Hong Kong horse of the year Electronic Unicorn, an earner of nearly \$3.8 million; English Group 1 winner Bahamian Pirate; and Hong Kong and Japanese multimillionaire Midnight Bet. His top U.S. runners include graded stakes-winning



millionaire and course record-setter Morluc and top juvenile Buster's Daydream.

Housebuster was sold to Japanese interests after the 1998 breeding season, and stood in Japan for three years. He also shuttled for southern hemisphere duty in New Zealand and, last fall, to Argentina.

"He was a good-minded horse and took everything in stride," said Hayes. "It was very easy to get attached to him."

Housebuster covered more than 80 mares in both the 2002 and 2003 seasons in Virginia. The syndicated stallion stood for \$7,500.

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STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2005

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. These statistics were supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS). Exact date is at the discretion of BRIS. †Denotes freshman sire. The following statistics, compiled on May 27, reflect 2005 earnings from the following countries—Canada, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Puerto Rico, U.A.E. and the U.S. Statistics from Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and countries in South America are not included.

	Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Whrs./Runners	Avg./Runner
1. Louis Quatorze (Md)	383	110	339	36	45	Choctaw Nation (\$609,000)	\$1,611,570	33	\$14,651
2. Not For Love (Md)	386	121	414	42	58	Presidentialaffair (\$160,000)	1,437,380	35	11,879
3. Allen's Prospect (deceased)	963	125	460	43	61	Munificence (\$83,750)	1,103,900	34	8,831
4. Lite the Fuse (Pa)	291	95	344	38	56	Papa Fuse (\$47,600)	890,760	40	9,376
5. Polish Numbers (deceased)	508	87	289	26	35	Polish Pride (\$67,380)	840,910	30	9,666
6. Wheaton (Pa)	268	89	337	36	43	Santana Strings (\$87,880)	825,666	40	9,277
7. Defrere (NJ)	285	80	295	25	35	Souris (\$137,950)	781,160	31	9,765
8. Mazel Trick (Pa)	178	54	183	25	36	Mazella (\$67,607)	753,412	46	13,952
9. Partner's Hero (Md)	170	58	207	28	35	Senor Cielo Two (\$75,088)	708,230	48	12,211
10. Two Punch (Md)	755	87	255	24	33	Zim and Torre (\$61,800)	659,902	28	7,585
11. Citidancer (Md)	319	51	190	23	28	Park Avenue Ball (\$120,000)	593,372	45	11,635
12. Lil's Lad (Pa)	119	55	210	21	28	Raving Rocket (\$64,950)	536,861	38	9,761
13. Yarrow Brae (Md)	140	50	177	24	32	Celtic Innis (\$97,310)	520,626	48	10,413
14. Will's Way (Pa)	127	42	175	14	23	Willy o'the Valley (\$175,920)	512,864	33	12,211
15. Banker's Gold (Pa)	203	66	270	23	35	Heatherinthemist (\$57,640)	506,806	35	7,679
16. Diamond (Md)	120	47	167	18	26	Silmaril (\$192,420)	493,341	38	10,497
17. Go for Gin (Md)	229	46	170	11	17	Go Now (\$107,376)	463,910	24	10,085
18. Cat's Career (Pa)	229	82	313	24	28	Whats What (\$48,780)	463,189	29	5,649
19. Carnivalay (pensioned)	591	47	175	16	22	Mixed Up (\$63,000)	430,334	34	9,156
20. Roanoke (Pa)	389	56	252	18	20	Preemptive Strike (\$50,000)	410,662	32	7,333
21. Outflanker (Md)	183	51	174	19	23	Sure You Can (\$37,850)	377,646	37	7,405
22. Caller I. D. (Pa)	416	51	224	25	37	Isle See You Later (\$43,131)	366,902	49	7,194
23. Wayne County (Ire) (Md)	170	42	177	19	25	Yo Can Do (\$45,310)	351,146	45	8,361
24. Patton (Pa)	289	70	252	22	27	Attack Force (\$31,450)	340,732	31	4,868
25. Meadow Monster (Md)	173	44	171	13	20	Shiny Meadow (\$41,150)	333,601	30	7,582
26. Waquoit (Md)	515	47	156	16	17	Penny Pequot (\$46,100)	324,302	34	6,900
27. Lion Hearted (Md)	77	23	66	7	11	Maddy's Lion (\$77,790)	320,972	30	13,955
28. Prospect Bay (Va)	224	50	193	19	27	Scooter Rains (\$30,480)	318,534	38	6,371
29. Appealing Skier (Pa)	174	57	215	16	18	Appealing Pond (\$31,020)	306,794	28	5,382
30. Crypto Star (Md)	92	31	121	11	13	Super Eight Track (\$48,899)	254,015	35	8,194
31. Kokand (WV)	331	38	127	15	19	Pawley's Island (\$39,060)	249,263	39	6,560
32. Unbridled Jet (Md)	120	29	87	14	18	Jet Set Citi (\$43,680)	235,475	48	8,120
33. Deposit Ticket (Pa)	416	44	168	12	14	Flintville (\$36,192)	235,322	27	5,348
34. Eastern Echo (deceased)	435	40	143	16	20	Watch and Wager (\$33,368)	230,775	40	5,769
35. Valiant Nature (WV)	156	30	120	13	18	Valliant Dancer (\$35,900)	229,261	43	7,642
36. Secret Hello (deceased)	289	36	141	13	16	Secret Look (\$26,830)	227,768	36	6,327
37. Run Softly (WV)	119	34	132	10	13	Muguet (\$53,400)	205,688	29	6,050
38. Ops Smile (Pa)	85	35	118	14	15	It's Time to Smile (\$23,470)	193,726	40	5,535
39. My Boy Adam (WV)	228	37	122	7	8	Myladyeve (\$23,770)	192,949	19	5,215
40. Way West (Fr) (WV)	237	49	179	12	14	Six Guns Blazing (\$25,813)	186,747	24	3,811
41. Housebuster (deceased)	441	19	70	8	14	The Griff (\$35,640)	156,942	42	8,260
42. Private Interview (NJ)	124	27	81	7	11	Busted Trust (\$59,700)	151,763	26	5,621
43. Ameri Valay (Md)	94	22	88	6	6	Amerifly (\$32,220)	151,231	27	6,874
44. Awad (Pa)	123	38	122	6	7	Awanda (\$26,710)	151,168	16	3,978
45. Western Cat (WV)	101	32	115	11	14	Dubai Cat (\$21,810)	148,698	34	4,647
46. Capture the Gold (NJ)	67	17	52	5	7	Imagoldseeker (\$48,400)	142,747	29	8,397
47. Hay Halo (Va)	275	26	85	10	10	Halo Avenue (\$23,700)	132,708	38	5,104
48. Ponche (Pa)	101	29	103	8	10	Ponche de Leona (\$31,120)	132,156	28	4,557
49. Fred Astaire (Va)	464	15	46	4	9	Did He Biteyou (\$52,669)	131,837	27	8,789
50. Peteski (deceased)	281	25	93	9	15	The Polski Prince (\$39,920)	129,923	36	5,197
51. Deputed Testamony (pensioned)	409	25	102	5	10	Testy Guy (\$49,000)	127,929	20	5,117
52. Horatius (pensioned)	716	19	79	7	11	Roman Tango (\$21,400)	125,001	37	6,579
53. Knockadon (Pa)	41	15	64	4	7	Fappadon (\$39,064)	122,936	27	8,196
54. Limit Out (WV)	31	13	47	6	7	Gipsy Limits (\$31,250)	122,485	46	9,422
55. Oh Say (deceased)	517	13	60	6	11	Haveyouheard (\$40,185)	118,402	46	9,108
56. Prenup (Va)	124	30	92	7	7	Streak Stroud (\$18,200)	114,743	23	3,825
57. Eastover Court (deceased)	158	22	61	7	9	Cavallo Grigio (\$17,394)	108,143	32	4,916
58. Crowd Pleaser (Md)	80	19	66	3	3	Crowd's Delight (\$35,776)	104,745	16	5,513
59. Activist (NC)	41	12	55	3	7	Verbena (\$38,563)	101,986	25	8,499
60. Wesham (WV)	276	22	67	4	5	Defiantly Bold (\$21,580)	100,028	18	4,547
61. De Niro (deceased)	161	23	92	6	8	Scarecrow (\$23,430)	98,771	26	4,294
62. My Prince Charming (deceased)	163	9	44	2	4	George's Girl (\$50,869)	97,752	22	10,861
63. Storm Center (WV)	52	13	42	6	8	Sunshine and Storm (\$27,790)	97,257	46	7,481
64. Pok Ta Pok (Pa)	90	16	57	5	7	Cutting the Rug (\$19,800)	97,191	31	6,074
65. Norquestor (deceased)	339	23	81	6	7	Norjet (\$17,100)	96,742	26	4,206

Mid-Atlantic-bred stakes winners

MD-bred: ALBERT'S CROSSING, GABIANNA, MADDALENA, MAKE ME A CHAMP, POLISH PRIDE, SILMARIL.
NJ-bred: AVERY HALL. PA-bred: LINGLESTOWN, MILES AHEAD, MIXED UP, TESTY GUY. VA-bred: BANK AUDIT, FINERY, UNDERSTOOD.

Maryland-bred

ALBERT'S CROSSING

Mason Houghland Memorial Timber Stakes

\$50,000-guaranteed, 3 mi. over timber, 4 & up. Percy Warner, May 14.

Private Account	Damascus	Sword Dancer			
Valley Crossing	Numbered Account	Kerala			
Chic and Sassy	His Majesty	Buckpasser			
Albert's Crossing, dk.b./br.g., 2000	Native Splendor	Intriguing			
		*Ribot			
Gold and Myrrh	Damascus	Flower Bowl			
Quiet Gold	Helio Deb	Raise a Native			
Quiet Please	Laugh Aloud	Mira Femme			
	Nasambi	Sword Dancer			
		Kerala			
		*Hellopolis			
		Demree			
		Tom Fool			
		*Gloria Nicky			
		*Ambiorix			
		Nasrina			
02	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
03	unraced				
04	8	0	0	2 (1)	\$11,150
05 (sw)	11	5	3 (1)	0	43,180
	2	1 (1)	0	0	31,000
	*21	6 (1)	3 (1)	2 (1)	\$85,330 (through May 14)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts only

2003: 3rd Gladstone Hurdle S. **2004:** 2nd New Jersey Hunt Cup. **2005:** 1st \$50,000 Mason Houghland Memorial Timber S, 3 mi. over timber, 4 & up, Percy Warner, May 14.

Bred by A. Brice Ridgely (Md.); owned by Irvin S. Naylor; trained by Sanna N. Hendriks.

Sire: **VALLEY CROSSING**, dk.b./br., 88 (deceased).

Dam: **QUIET GOLD**, b., 77, bred by Halcyon Farm (Md.). Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 1 win at 2, \$11,480.

82 Golden Rollick, dk.b./br.f. by Rollicking. Raced 3 years, 26 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$27,481. Dam of **Benny's Rollick** (4 wins, \$46,227, 2nd Budweiser W.Va. Breeders Classic S).

83 Val de l'Or, b.f. by Val de l'Orne (Fr). Raced 2 years, 6 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$68.

84 Quiet Lady, dk.b./br.f. by Sir Raleigh. Raced 4 years, 49 starts, 7 wins at 3, 4 and 6, \$23,203.

85 Dancing Gold, b.g. by Dancing Count. Raced 4 years, 61 starts, 8 wins, 3 to 6, \$88,279.

86 Elusive Gold, dk.b./br.f. by Traffic Cop. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 2, 0 wins, \$0.

87 Slipped; 88 slipped twins.

89 Not So Quiet, dk.b./br.c. by Sir Raleigh. Raced 1 year, 20 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$6,199.

90 Barren.

91 **C. C. GOLD**, dk.b./br.g. by Clever Champ. Raced 7 years, 115 starts, 21 wins, 3 to 9, \$284,522, Charles Staats Memorial S.

92 Same As Gold, dk.b./br.f. by Gilded Age. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, \$0.

94 Monocacy Gold, dk.b./br.c. by Mr. Goldust. Raced 2 years, 18 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$6,408.

95 Here's Gold, dk.b./br.f. by Clever Champ. Raced 5 years, 61 starts, 10 wins, 3 to 7, \$195,460.

96 Barren.

99 Casey's Quiet Gold, b.f. by Western Miner. Unraced.

00 **ALBERT'S CROSSING**, dk.b./br.g. by Valley Crossing.

GABIANNA

The Very One Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5 fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up. Pimlico, May 20.

			Northern Dancer		Nearctic
	Danzig				Natalma
			Pas de Nom		Admiral's Voyage
	Deerhound				*Petitioner
			Buckpasser		Tom Fool
	Lassie Dear				Busanda
			Gay Missile		Sir Gaylord
Gabianna, b.m., 2000					Missy Baba
			*Vaguely Noble		Vienna
	Perkin Warbeck				Noble Lassie
			Pretty Pretender		Quack
	Gabby's Love				Pretty Fancy
			Hostage		Nijinsky II
	Love Hostage				*Entente II
			Well Loved		Bushido
					Queen Fleet
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
02	unraced				
03	4	1	1	0	\$ 20,000
04	16	1	4	2	36,370
05 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	0	45,420
	22	3 (1)	5	2	\$101,790 (through May 20)

2005: 1st \$75,000 The Very One S, 5 fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, May 20.

Bred by Carol Kaye-Garcia (Md.); owned by Vision Realty Stables; trained by Jorge Prado.

Sire: **DEERHOUND**, b., 88, stands at Wafare Farm, Midway, Ky.

Dam: **Gabby's Love**, dk.b./br., 91, bred by Schelford North Farm (Md.). Raced 5 years, 42 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$108,275, 3rd Maryland Million Ladies H, Summertime Promise S.

99 Little Gabby, dk.b./br.f. by Deerhound. Raced 4 years, 18 starts, 4 wins, 3 to 5, \$85,010.

00 **GABIANNA**, b.f. by Deerhound.

01 Love Me Twice, b.f. by Not For Love. Raced 2 years, 2 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$480.

02 Barren.

03 Bianca Love, dk.b./br.f. by Bianconi. Unraced.

05 c. by Malibu Moon.

MADDALENA

Legal Light Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 3-year-old fillies. Delaware Park, April 30.



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	Carson City				Blushing Promise	Gold Digger
	Good and Tough				Northern Raja	Blushing Groom (Fr)
	Amy Be Good				All for Amy	Summertime Promise
Maddalena , ch.f., 2002					Storm Bird	Raja Baba
	Fair Skies				Fair Rosalind	North of Venus
Two Foxie					Proud Appeal	Go Marching
Powick					Dance Fling	Miss Foxcroft
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		Northern Dancer
04	1	1	0	0		South Ocean
05 (sw)	5	3 (2)	0	0		Exclusive Native
	6	4 (2)	0	0		Thirty Years
						Valid Appeal
						Proud n' Happy
						Winged T.
						Dancing Fool
						earnings
						\$ 22,320
						129,300
						\$151,620 (through May 20)

2005: 1st \$100,000 **Old Hat S-G3**, 6½ fur., 3-year-old fillies, Gulfstream, Feb. 5; \$75,000 **Legal Light S**, 6 fur., 3-year-old fillies, Delaware, April 30.

Bred by Alan Hilburg (Md.); owned by Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor; trained by Todd A. Pletcher.

Sire: **GOOD AND TOUGH**, b., 95, stands at Lakland North LLC, Hudson, N.Y.

Dam: **TWO FOXIE**, b., 92, bred by Darryl S. Gray (Md.). Raced 2 years, 16 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$57,641.

98 **Foxie Card**, b.c. by Press Card. Raced 2 years, 15 starts, 4 wins at 3, \$42,600. Died 2001. (FTM Oct 99—\$12,000)

00 **Rocket's Jet**, ch.c. by Roy. Raced 4 years, 32 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$40,263. (Ark Dec 01—\$30,000)

01 Foal died.

02 **MADDALENA**, ch.f. by Good and Tough. (FTM Sept 03—\$60,000; FTF Feb 04—\$425,000)

03 Jill's Foxie Lady, ch.f. by Editor's Note. Unraced. (FTM Oct 04—\$10,000)

04 Foal died.

MAKE ME A CHAMP

Maryland Hunt Cup

\$65,000-guaranteed, 4 mi. over timber, 5 & up. Glyndon, April 30.

					Tom Rolfe	*Ribot
	Hoist the Flag				Wavy Navy	Pocahontas
	Salutely				*Amerigo	War Admiral
	Politely				Morn Again	*Triomphe
Make Me a Champ , ch.g., 1991					Bold Ruler	Nearco
Anticipating					Marking Time	Sanlinea
Make Happen					Bombay Duck	Sun Again
Orange Sauce					Welcome Chime	Morning
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		*Nasrullah
93	unraced					Miss Disco
94	12	2	0	1		To Market
95	3	1	0	0		Allemande
96-98	unraced					Nashua
99	2	0	0	1		Egret
00	3	1	0	1		Sure Welcome
01 (sw)	6	1 (1)	1	1 (1)		Bell Singer
02 (sw)	3	1 (1)	0	1 (1)		
03	2	0	1 (1)	1 (1)		
04 (sw)	3	1 (1)	0	0		
05 (sw)	2	1 (1)	1 (1)	0		
	*36	8 (4)	3 (2)	6 (3)		\$153,389 (through April 30)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts only

2001: 1st \$25,000 **Genesee Valley Hunt Cup**, abt. 3½ mi. over timber, 4 & up, Genesee Valley, Oct. 13; 3rd **Ski Roundtop Cup**. **2002:** 1st \$50,000 **Virginia Gold Cup**, abt. 4 mi. over timber, 5 & up, Great Meadow, May 4; 3rd **Grand National Timber S**. **2003:** 2nd **Virginia Gold Cup**; 3rd

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THREE GRADED STAKES HORSES IN TWO HOURS!

Big Names Fall To Northview-Sired Runners On Preakness Weekend!



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DOMESTIC DISPUTE

DIAMOND

GREAT NOTION

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NOT FOR LOVE

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TWO PUNCH

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Progeny of Northview sires shined at Pimlico on Preakness weekend. Runners by **DIAMOND**, **PARTNER'S HERO** and **NOT FOR LOVE** earned Graded Black Type while finishing ahead of the likes of Breeders' Cup Distaff winner and three-year-old filly Champion **ASHADO**, Kentucky Derby winner **FUNNY CIDE**, Mass 'Cap winner **OFFLEE WILD** and five other graded stakes winners.

DIAMOND's SILMARIL got the weekend started by winning one for the hometown crowd in the rain on Friday. The four-year-old filly ran down multimillionaire **ASHADO** in deep stretch to capture the \$150,000 G3 Pimlico Distaff Breeders' Cup by three-quarters of a length.

"It was an outstanding performance. I knew she loved the slop," commented trainer Chris Grove. "When I worked her last week Ryan (jockey Fogelsonger)

said 'We're ready for Ashado.' I said, 'Ashado who?' "

Later on Friday's card, **PRESIDENTIALAFFAIR** showed his class in a star-studded field in the \$500,000 Pimlico Special-G1 by leading most of the way before just being clipped down the stretch by millionaires **EDDINGTON** and **POLLARD'S VISION**. The four-year-old **NOT FOR LOVE** colt finished third, ahead of graded stakes winners **FUNNY CIDE**, **EUROSILVER**, **OFFLEE WILD** and **GRAND REWARD**.

In other action, **PARTNER'S HERO's** speedy filly **PARTNER'S DUE** posted a notable second in the \$100,000 Adena Stallions' Miss Preakness Stakes-G3, after being just caught down the stretch by Arthur Hancock III's **BURNISH**.

TWO PUNCH HAS TOP FILLY AT BARRETT'S MAY SALE AT \$165,000!

TWO PUNCH continues to produce monstrous returns on breeders' investments as his daughter **NO BETTER TIME** by the leading sire brought the gavel down at \$165,000 at Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training to become the sale's top-selling filly.

Purchased by Briggs & Cromartie Bloodstock from Becky Thomas' Sequel Bloodstock, the gorgeous chestnut Maryland-bred is from the family of multiple graded stakes winners **GALA SPIN-AWAY** and **POWER PLAY**.

The filly posted one of the sale's fastest works by blazing a quarter in :21.5.



MARK WYVILLE

As the sire of nearly 50 career stakes winners, **TWO PUNCH** (above) time and time again produces profitable returns. His two-year-olds of '05 have averaged an extraordinary \$117,000 in the nation's top sales rings with 10 of 19 eclipsing the \$100,000 mark.

A CALIFORNIA 'HERO' IN 1:08.2 AT GOLDEN GATE FIELDS!

PARTNER'S HERO
FILLY DOMINATES
VALLEJO STAKES



LUNACHICK, a three-year-old filly by **PARTNER'S HERO**, became her sire's 11th stakes horse as she ran away from the field in the \$55,000 Vallejo S. at Golden Gate Fields on May 29th.

"She broke good today, and it was pretty much over," said winning jockey Russell Baze, who never moved on the winner as she put up fractions of :21.08, :43.33 and :55.51.

Winning trainer Steve Miyadi said he wasn't even looking at the fractions.

"I was just watching my horse," he said. "I trust Russell and his sense of pace and how much horse he has."

Bred by Glade Valley Farms, **LUNACHICK** earned her third victory in five starts while lifting her career earnings to \$71,625.

FROST PRINCESS BECOMES WAQUOIT'S 26TH CAREER STAKES WINNER!

FROST PRINCESS, a William Backer homebred filly by **WAQUOIT**, showed her penchant for Pimlico's turf by scoring an impressive 1 ½ length victory in the Pearl Necklace Stakes on June 4th.

Racing along the rail in third place and tracking the leaders into the homestretch, **FROST PRINCESS** under jockey Horacio Karamanos, charged down the middle of the course to capture the 1-1/16 mile grass event in 1:47.95 over the soft going. Cozy Gain swept wide into the lane and finished a very game second. Smith's other entry, Sweetsoutherndessa, held on for third.

"The grass really moves her up. She's a different animal over that surface. I don't think we've seen the best of her yet," commented

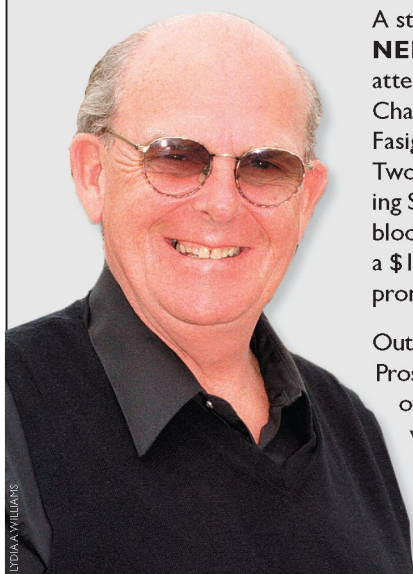


trainer Hamilton Smith. "Her next race will tell us what kind of filly she is. In her training, she's enjoying what she does. Naturally, we want to point her for the Virginia Oaks"

This triumph marks the three-year-old gray

filly's first stakes win and third score in four tries on the turf. **FROST PRINCESS** becomes her sire **WAQUOIT**'s remarkable 26th career blacktype winner pushing his career progeny earnings to \$23,578,887.

PARTNER'S HERO TWO-YEAR-OLD BRINGS \$110,000 AT TIMONIUM!



A striking son of **PARTNER'S HERO** caught the attention of agent Buzz Chace (left) at the recent Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, prompting the bloodstock legend to sign a \$110,000 ticket for the promising gelding.

Out of the dam Pauline's Prospect and from the family of multiple graded stakes winner **SARRE GREEN**, the Maryland bred gelding was consigned by M & H Training and Sales.

PARTNER'S HERO is fulfilling the promise expected from a graded stakes-winning half-brother to a champion by leading sire of sires **DANZIG**!

PARTNER'S HERO has been siring runners with classic potential, such as Lane's End S.-G2 winner **NEW YORK HERO**, named Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old male and the leading Maryland-bred earner of 2003 as well as Will Rogers S.-G3 winner **PRIVATE CHEF**.

Grand National Timber S. 2004: 1st \$30,000 **Grand National Timber S.**, abt. 3¼ mi. over timber, 5 & up, Butler, April 17. **2005:** 1st \$65,000 **Maryland Hunt Cup**, 4 mi. over timber, 5 & up, Glyndon, April 30; 2nd **My Lady's Manor Timber S.**

Bred by William M. Rickman (Md.); owned by Irvin S. Naylor; trained by F. Bruce Miller.

Sire: **SALUTELY**, b., 78 (deceased).

Dam: **MAKE HAPPEN**, dk.b./br., 81, bred by Larry Millison (Md.). Raced 5 years, 39 starts, 4 wins, 3 to 7, \$34,845. (OBS Jan 82—\$2,000)

90 **Make Me If You Can**, b.c. by Tolstoy. Died 1991.

91 **MAKE ME A CHAMP**, ch.g. by Salutely.

92 **MAKE ME CONQUER**, gr.f. by Ruler's Conquest. Raced 5 years, 49 starts, 18 wins, 3 to 7, \$442,820, Sweet and Sassy S, Light Hearted S, Ready Jet Go S, Ann Dear S, Open Fire S, 2nd Owners' Day Dash S, New Era S, Light Hearted S, Minaret S, 3rd Light Hearted S, Jacob France S, Thomas J. Malley S.

POLISH PRIDE

Quick Card Stakes

\$50,000-added, 1 mi., 3 & up. Delaware Park, May 14.

					Nearctic
	Danzig				Natalma
					Admiral's Voyage
	Polish Numbers				*Petitioner
					Tom Fool
	Numbered Account				Busanda
					Swaps
	Polish Pride, ch.g., 1998				Glamour
					Bold Ruler
	Fit to Fight				Pocahontas
					One Count
	Fittingly Proud				Queen Hopeful
					Never Bend
	Proudest Cagey				Roman Song
					Admiral Vee
					Kaygebebe
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
00	unraced				
01	4	2	1	0	\$ 35,070
02 (sw)	8	3 (1)	1	0	74,450
03	6	1	2	1 (1)	45,920
04	6	2	1 (1)	1	64,300
05 (sw)	4	3 (1)	0	0	67,380
	28	11 (2)	5 (1)	2 (1)	\$287,120 (through May 14)

2002: 1st \$50,000 **Hail Emperor S.**, 1¼ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 16. **2003:** 3rd **Jennings H. 2004:** 2nd **Taking Risks S. 2005:** 1st \$50,000 **Quick Card S.**, 1 mi., 3 & up, Delaware, May 14.

Bred and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright (Md.); trained by Timothy Tullock Jr.

Sire: **POLISH NUMBERS** (deceased).

Dam: **FITTINGLY PROUD**, ch., 88, bred by Dr. L.D. Burbank (Fla.). Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 2 to 4, 0 wins, \$26,275. (Kee Sept 89—\$95,000)

94 **Six Togas**, dk.b./br.g. by Saratoga Six. Raced 3 years, 26 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$15,177. 95-96 Barren.

97 **Suzy Wrong**, b.f. by Press Card. Raced 4 years, 35 starts, 4 wins, 3 to 5, \$127,730, 2nd Maryland Million Distaff Starter H.

98 **POLISH PRIDE**, ch.g. by Polish Numbers.

99 Fit for a Duke, gr./ro.c. by Two Punch. Unraced.

00 Barren.

01 Proud Benny, ch.c. by Benny the Dip. Raced 2 years, 9 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$34,260.

02 Proud Allen, ch.c. by Allen's Prospect. Raced 2 years, 4 starts, 1 win at 3, \$18,480.

03 Same Cloth, ch.f. by Polish Numbers. Unraced.

04 ch.c. by Not For Love.

SILMARIL

Pimlico Breeders' Cup Distaff Handicap-G3

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1¼ mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Pimlico, May 20.

		Raise a Native	Native Dancer
	Mr. Prospector		Raise You
		Gold Digger	Nashua
	Diamond		Sequence
		Key to the Mint	Graustark
	Pure Profit		Key Bridge
		Clear Ceiling	Bold Ruler
	Silmaril, dk.b./br.f., 2001		Grey Flight
		Buckaroo	Buckpasser
	Spend a Buck		Stepping High
		Belle de Jour	Speak John
	Kattebuck		Battle Dress
		North Sea	Nearctic
	Kattegat's Pride		Look Ma
		Pilgrim's Pride	First Landing
			Slipperoo

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
03	2	1	1	0	\$ 19,500
04 (sw)	7	5 (3)	0	0	195,190
05 (sw)	5	3 (3)	0	1 (1)	192,420
	14	9 (6)	1	1 (1)	\$407,110 (through May 20)

2004: 1st \$75,000 **Jameela S.**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Feb. 15; \$100,000 **Maryland Million Oaks**, 1¼ mi., 3-year-old fillies sired by eligible Md. stallions, Pimlico, Oct. 9; \$100,000 **Geisha H.**, 1¼ mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, Dec. 11. **2005:** 1st \$75,000 **Nellie Morse S** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1 mi., fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 29; \$100,000 **Northview Stallion Station S.**, 1¼ mi., registered Md.-bred and/or Maryland Million nominated fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, April 23; \$100,000 **Pimlico Breeders' Cup Distaff H-G3**, 1¼ mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, May 20; 3rd **Barbara Fritchie H-G2**.

Bred and owned by Stephen E. Quick and Christopher J. Feifarek (Md.); trained by Christopher W. Grove.

Sire: **DIAMOND**, ch., 95, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.



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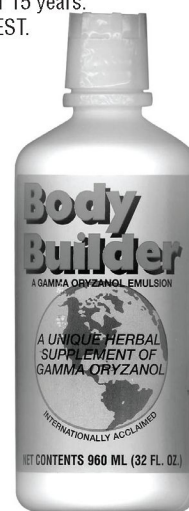
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STAKES WINNERS

Dam: KATTEBUCK, gr., 88, bred by Stephen E. Quick and Hunter Farm (Md.). Raced 2 years, 16 starts, 1 win at 4, \$14,419.

95 Legal Kat, dk.b./br.f. by Caveat. Unraced. Producer.

96 Royal's Quest, gr./ro.c. by Norquestor. Raced 6 years, 34 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$77,987.

98 Wayout Kat, dk.b./br.g. by Wayne County (Ire). Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 1 win at 3, \$9,830.

99 Barren.

00 Terminkator, gr./ro.f. by Private Terms. Raced 4 years, 24 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$31,365.

01 **SILMARIL**, dk.b./br.f. by Diamond.

02 Dead foal.

03 Our Rey, dk.b./br.c. by Our Emblem.

04 Barren.

New Jersey-bred

AVERY HALL

Open Mind Handicap

\$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered New Jersey-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Monmouth Park, May 15.

					Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
	Fappiano				Killaloe	Gold Digger
						Dr. Fager
A. P. Jet					In Reality	Grand Splendor
	Taminette				Tamerett	Intentionally
						My Dear Girl
Avery Hall , gr./ro.f., 2002						Tim Tam
						*Mixed Marriage
	Dynaformer				Roberto	Hail to Reason
					Andover Way	Bramalea
Royal Form					Akureyri	His Majesty
	Royal Troupe					On the Trail
					Dance Troupe	Buckpasser
						Royal Statute
						Native Charger
						*Daystar II
		starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
04		2	1	1 (1)	0	\$ 52,000
05 (sw)		3	2 (1)	0	0	53,700
		5	3 (1)	1 (1)	0	\$105,700 (through May 15)

2004: 2nd **New York Stallion Fifth Avenue S.** **2005:** 1st \$60,000 **Open Mind H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, May 15.

Bred and owned by Timber Creek Farm (N.J.); trained by Cynthia G. Reese.

Sire: **A. P. JET**, b., 89, stands at Sugar Maple Farm, Poughquag, N.Y.

Dam: **ROYAL FORM**, gr./ro., 94, bred by William A. Purdey (N.J.). Raced 3 years, 21 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$94,482, Roamin Rachel S, 2nd Dowry S, Revidere S, Serena's Song S, 3rd Go For Wand S. (FTM Sept 95—\$12,000)

00 Proven Form, b.f. by Partner's Hero. Raced 3 years, 22 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$128,373.

02 **AVERY HALL**, gr./ro.f. by A. P. Jet.

05 f. by Devil's Bag.

Pennsylvania-bred

LINGLESTOWN

Danzig Stakes

\$40,000-added, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-old colts and geldings. Penn National, May 20.

		Fappiano	Mr. Prospector
	Unbridled	Killaloe	Killaloe
		Gana Facil	*Le Fabuleux
Grindstone		Drone	Charedi
	Buzz My Bell		Sir Gaylord
		Chateaupavia	Cap and Bells
Linglestown , dk.b./br.g., 2002			Chateaugay
			Glenpavia
		Halo	Hail to Reason
	Jolie's Halo		Cosmah
		Jolie Jolie	Sir Ivor
Juno			Who's to Know
		Bold Bidder	Bold Ruler
	Italian Princess		High Bid
		Giustizia (Ity)	Pentotal
			Grappa

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
04	2	1	0	0	\$10,500
05 (sw)	4	3 (1)	0	0	50,085
	6	4 (1)	0	0	\$60,585 (through May 20)

2005: 1st \$40,000 **Danzig S**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 3-year-old colts and geldings, Penn National, May 20.

Bred by Richard Bosshard (Pa.); owned by Richard H. Bosshard Jr.; trained by Todd M. Beattie.

Sire: **GRINDSTONE**, dk.b./br., 93, stands at Overbrook Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: JUNO, dk.b./br., 95, bred by Arthur I. Appleton (Fla.). Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$17,038. (FTK April 97—\$120,000)

01 Slipped.

02 **LINGLESTOWN**, dk.b./br.g. by Grindstone.

03 Befitting, dk.b./br.f. by Turn West. Unraced.

04 f. by Bianconi.

MILES AHEAD

Virginia Gold Cup

\$50,000-guaranteed, 4 mi. over timber, 5 & up. Great Meadow, May 7.

Radnor Hunt Cup

\$40,000-guaranteed, 3¼ mi. over timber, 4 & up. Malvern, May 21.

				Damascus	Sword Dancer
		Private Account		Kerala	Buckpasser
				Numbered Account	Intriguing
	Unaccounted For			The Minstrel	Northern Dancer
		Mrs. Jenney			Fleur
				Mrs. Penny	Great Nephew
					Tananarive (GB)
Miles Ahead , b.g., 1997				Nijinsky II	Northern Dancer
		Shadeed			Flaming Page
				Continual	Damascus
	Joy Valentine			Codex	Continuation
					Arts and Letters
		Side Saddle			Roundup Rose
				Ride the Trails	Prince John
					Wildwood
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
99	4	0	0	1	\$ 4,466
00	6	2	1	1	48,580
01	8	2	2	2	60,570
02	7	0	3	1 (1)	41,430
03	8	1	1	2	40,060
04	7	2	0	1	34,800
05 (sw)	4	4 (2)	0	0	75,000
	*44	11 (2)	7	8 (1)	\$304,906 (through May 21)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts only

2002: 3rd **Hard Scuffle Novice Hurdle S-NSA1**. **2005:** 1st \$50,000 **Virginia Gold Cup**, 4 mi. over timber, 5 & up, Great Meadow, May 7; \$40,000 **Radnor Hunt Cup**, 3¼ mi. over timber, 4 & up, Malvern, May 21.

Bred by Derry Meeting Farm and Ashwell Stables (Pa.); owned by Kinross Farm; trained by Neil R. Morris.

Sire: **UNACCOUNTED FOR**, b., 91, stands at Izmit Pension Stud, Izmit, Turkey.

Dam: **Joy Valentine**, b., 89, bred by Derry Meeting Farm (Pa.). Raced 3 years, 19 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$50,344, 2nd Jersey Blues S.

95 Dead foal.

96 **RUN FOR JOY**, b.f. by Geiger Counter. Raced 7 years, 53 starts, 16 wins, 3 to 7, \$411,139, Ambassador of Luck H, Missy Good S, 2nd Mrs. Penny S, Pistol Packer H, Prismatical S, 3rd Ambassador of Luck H, John J. Shumaker H, Pistol Packer H twice.

97 **MILES AHEAD**, b.g. by Unaccounted For.

98 Gone to Greece, ch.f. by Unaccounted For. Raced 4 years, 16 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$105,020. (FTN Aug 99—\$150,000)

99 Pleasant Pastures, b.f. by Valley Crossing. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$57,980.

00 One and Only You, dk.b./br.f. by You and I. Raced 4 years, 20 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, \$38,025. (FTM Oct 01—\$25,000)

01 Slipped.

02 Last Valentine, dk.b./br.f. by Devil His Due. Unraced.

03 Barren.

MIXED UP

National Hunt Cup Novice Hurdle Stakes-NSA2

\$75,000-guaranteed, 2½ mi. over National fences, 4 & up, non-winners over hurdles prior to March 1, 2004. Malvern, May 21.

			Nearctic	Nearco	
	Northern Dancer		Natalma	*Lady Angela	
	Carnivalay		Cyane	Native Dancer	
	Obeah		Book of Verse	Almahmoud	
Mixed Up, b.g., 1999			Hoist the Flag	*Turn-to	
	Oh Say		Light Hearted	Your Game	
	Oh Nonsense		King's Bishop	One Count	
	Ba Bish		Babee	*Persian Maid	
				Tom Rolfe	
				Wavy Navy	
				Cyane	
				Ho Ho	
				Round Table	
				Spearfish	
				Jig Time	
				Miss Galax	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
01	2	0	0	0	\$ 300
02	4	1	0	1	12,200
03	6	1	0	1	24,200
04 (sw)	8	4 (1)	0	1	74,456
05 (sw)	3	3 (1)	0	0	63,000
	*23	9 (2)	0	3	\$174,156 (through May 21)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts only

2004: 1st \$40,000 **Capital City H**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf, registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Penn National, Aug. 20. **2005:** 1st \$75,000 **National Hunt Cup Novice Hurdle S-NSA2**, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. over National fences, 4 & up, non-winners over hurdles prior to March 1, 2004, Malvern, May 21.

Bred by William L. Pape and Jonathan E. Sheppard (Pa.); owned by William L. Pape; trained by Jonathan E. Sheppard.

Sire: **CARNIVALAY**, b., 81 (pensioned).

Dam: **OH NONSENSE**, dk.b./br., 91, bred by Jonathan E. Sheppard (Pa.). Raced 4 years, 17 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$123,454, Rosenna S-ncr, Dainty Dotsie S, 2nd New Castle H, 3rd Chrysanthemum H, Blue Bonnet S twice.

98 Rang My Bell, gr./ro.f. by Two Punch. Raced 2 years, 8 starts at 4 and 5, 0 wins, \$10,108.

99 **MIXED UP**, b.g. by Carnivalay.

00 Dead foal.

TESTY GUY

Murmur Farm Starter Handicap

\$50,000-guaranteed, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., Maryland Million nominees, 3 & up, who had started for a claiming price of \$16,000 or less since May 15, 2004. Pimlico, May 21.

					*Alibhai
		Traffic Cop			Traffic Court
			Flight Bird		Count Fleet
	Deputed Testamony				Pocket Edition
		Proof Requested	Prove It		*Endeavour II
			Come On		Time to Khal
Testy Guy , b.g., 1999					Requested
			Private Account		Dog Blessed
	Private Terms				Damascus
			Laughter		Numbered Account
	Susquehanna Rose				Bold Ruler
			Rose Argent		Shenanigans
	Oval Rose				Double Jay
			Turn the Angle		Rose
					Quadrangle
					Soul Searcher
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
01	unraced				
02	15	4	1	2	\$ 26,891
03	14	4	2	4	51,579
04	9	1	1	1	22,000
05 (sw)	4	3 (1)	0	1	49,000
	42	12 (1)	4	8	\$149,470 (through May 21)

2005: 1st \$50,000 **Murmur Farm Starter H**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., Maryland Million nominees, 3 & up, who had started for a claiming price of \$16,000 or less since May 15, 2004, Pimlico, May 21.

Bred by Richard D. Eigenbrode (Pa.); owned by Stanley Stables; trained by Tim F. Ritchey.

Sire: **DEPUTED TESTAMONY**, b., 80 (pensioned).

Dam: **SUSQUEHANNA ROSE**, b., 92, bred by Milton P. Higgins III and James F. Lewis III (Md.). Raced 3 years, 31 starts, 4 wins at 4, \$21,137. (FTM Feb 96—\$3,000)

98 Just for Love, ch.c. by Not For Love. Raced 6 years, 70 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 6, \$58,205.

99 **TESTY GUY**, b.g. by Deputed Testamony.

00 St. Patty's Smile, b.c. by Ops Smile. Raced 3 years, 36 starts, 6 wins at 3 and 4, \$45,923.

01 Dead foal.

02 Rosehanna, b.f. by Swear by Dixie. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$24,020.

03 Onthewingsoflove, ch.g. by Deputed Testamony. Unraced.

Virginia-bred

BANK AUDIT

Genuine Risk Handicap-G2

\$150,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Belmont Park, May 14.

					Icecapade	Nearctic
		Wild Again				Shenanigans
					Bushe!-n-Peck	*Khaled
		Wild Rush				*Dama II
					Plugged Nickle	Key to the Mint
		Rose Park				Toll Booth
					Hardship	Drone
Bank Audit , dk.b./br.f., 2001						Hard and Fast
					Ambiopoise	*Ambiorix
		Faraway Son				Bull Poise
					Locust Time	Spy Song
		Mosquera				Snow Goose
					Rollicking	Rambunctious
		Rabida				Martinetta
					Rattan	*Tatan
						*Cassarate
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		earnings
03	4	0	3	0		\$ 21,140
04	12	5	1	3		136,210
05 (sw)	6	4 (3)	1 (1)	0		286,911
	22	9 (3)	5 (1)	3		\$444,261 (through May 14)

2005: 1st \$75,000 **Interborough H**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Aqueduct, Jan. 1; \$150,000 **Distaff Breeders' Cup H-G2** (includes \$50,000 Breeders' Cup Fund), 7 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Aqueduct, March 26; \$150,000 **Genuine Risk H-G2**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Belmont, May 14; 2nd **Correction H**.

Bred by Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.); owned by Robert J. Amendola; trained by Frank LaBocchetta Jr.

Sire: **WILD RUSH**, b., 94, stands at Arrow Stud, Hokkaido, Japan.

Dam: **MOSQUERA**, dk.b./br., 85, bred by Mrs. Elizabeth F. Thomas (N.J.). Raced 4 years, 41 starts, 7 wins, 3 to 5, \$156,745, Honeymoon H, 2nd Glassboro H, Castle Forbes S, 3rd Rumson Breeders' Cup H.

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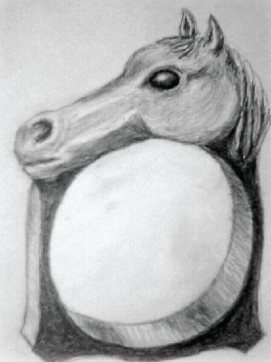
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STAKES WINNERS

- 93 Sea Lion, dk.b./br.f. by Houston. Raced 2 years, 16 starts, 3 wins at 3, \$10,240. (FTK Jan 96—\$3,700) Dam of **LEFT LANE LORRAIN** (4 wins, \$105,288, Cincinnatian S, Tougaloos S, Emerald Necklace S, 3rd Bobbie Bricker Memorial H, Brent's Princess S).
- 94 Lake Shore View, b.f. by Meadowlake. Raced 4 years, 25 starts, 6 wins, 2 to 5, \$125,451. (Kee Sept 95—\$100,000) Producer.
- 95 **Whistler Run**, dk.b./br.g. by Stop the Music. Raced 8 years, 69 starts, 9 wins, 3 to 9, \$127,467, 2nd Inlet Derby Trial H. (Kee Nov 95—\$16,000)
- 96 Marchena, b.f. by Silver Deputy. Raced 2 years, 16 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, \$46,230. (Kee Sept 97—\$15,000)
- 97 Barren.
- 98 Bright Idea, dk.b./br.f. by Gold Fever. Raced 2 years, 7 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$9,580. (Kee Sept 99—\$600,000)
- 99 Barrington, b.g. by Honor Grades. Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$41,614.
- 00 Barren.
- 01 **BANK AUDIT**, dk.b./br.f. by Wild Rush. (FTM Sept 02—\$52,000)
- 02 Ordain, dk.b./br.c. by Vicar. Raced 2 years, 2 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$680. (FTM Sept 03—\$21,000)
- 03-04 Barren.

FINERY

Beaugay Handicap-G3

\$100,000-added, 1 1/16 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up. Aqueduct, April 30.

	Hail to Reason	*Turn-to
Roberto	Bramalea	Nothridchance
Lear Fan	Lt. Stevens	Nashua
Wac	Belthazar	Rarelea
Finery, b.m., 2000	Battle Joined	Nantallah
Ack Ack	Fast Turn	*Rough Shod II
Duds	*Forli	War Admiral
Fanci Forli	Regal Rumor	Blinking Owl
		Armageddon
		Ethel Walker
		*Turn-to
		Cherokee Rose
		Aristophanes
		Trevisa
		Damascus
		Nosey Nan

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
02	unraced				
03	4	2	2	0	\$ 72,400
04 (sw)	7	2 (1)	2	0	127,920
05 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	0	75,180
	13	5 (2)	4	0	\$275,500 (through May 22)

2004: 1st \$100,000 **Athenia H-G3**, 1 1/16 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Aqueduct, Oct. 31.

2005: 1st \$100,000 **Beaugay H-G3**, 1 1/16 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Aqueduct, April 30.

Bred and owned by Althea D. Richards (Va.); trained by William H. Turner Jr.

Sire: **LEAR FAN**, b., 81 (pensioned).

Dam: **Duds**, dk.b./br., 89, bred by Albert M. Stall (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$72,565, 2nd Fair Star S, Toddler Breeders' Cup S. (Kee Sept 90—\$23,000)

94 Delayed Explosion, ch.g. by Geiger Counter. Raced 7 years, 51 starts, 9 wins, 2 to 8, \$84,927.

95 Dead foal.

96 Enough Tough, ch.f. by Cox's Ridge. Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 1 win at 4, \$75,140.

97 Barren.

98 **SMOCK**, gr./ro.f. by El Prado (Ire). Raced 3 years, 11 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$91,520, Somethingroyal S.

99 Green Jeans, dk.b./br.f. by Green Dancer. Raced 4 years, 12 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$123,288.

00 **FINERY**, b.f. by Lear Fan.

01 Rum Bottom, ch.c. by Two Punch. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, \$26,827. (Kee Sept 02—\$65,000; OBS March 03—\$240,000)

02 Dead foal.

03 Dosh, dk.b./br.f. by Victory Gallop. Unraced.

05 f. by Storm Boot. Died 2005.

UNDERSTOOD

Marcellus Frost Hurdle Stakes-NSA3

\$50,000-guaranteed, 2 mi. over National fences, 4 & up. Percy Warner, May 14.

	High Top	Derring-Do
Top Ville		Camenae
Pistolet Bleu (Ire)	*Sega Ville	Charlottesville
Pampa Bella	Armos	La Sega
Understood, ch.g., 1996	Kendie	Mossborough
Bustino	Busted	Ardelle
Divi (GB)	Ship Yard	*Klairon
Syzygy (Fr)	Kenmare	Amagalla
	Orbit	Crepello
		Sans Le Sou
		Doutelle
		Paving Stone
		Kalamoun
		Belle of Ireland
		Snob
		Felouque

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
98	2	0	0	1	\$ 5,902
99	7	1	0	2 (1)	28,418
00 (sw)	6	2 (1)	1 (1)	2 (1)	101,740
01	5	0	1	0	13,230
02	6	1	1	0	26,916
03 (sw)	4	1 (1)	1	0	38,584
04	unraced				
05 (sw)	2	1 (1)	1 (1)	0	43,500
	*32	6 (3)	5 (2)	5 (2)	\$258,290 (through May 14)

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96 **UNDERSTOOD**, ch.g. by Pistolet Bleu (Ire).

97 **Polish Dividend**, ch.f. by Polish Numbers. Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 3 and 5, 0 wins, \$8,095, 2nd Oakley S.

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Looking back

From *The Maryland Horse* (published 1936 to 1997) and *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*

10 YEARS AGO

■ Arcadia Stable's Buck Jakes captured the 99th running of the Maryland Hunt Cup by a hard-fought nose over Florida Law, in the process demolishing by three seconds the race record of 8:33 $\frac{3}{5}$ established by *Ben Nevis II in 1978.

Winning rider Anne Moran became the fourth woman to earn a Hunt Cup victory. And trainer Charles Fenwick Jr., who rode and trained *Ben Nevis, found himself in the unprecedented situation of training the horse who broke the record.

Had Fenwick been aboard Buck Jakes, he would have tied the record owned by Mikey Smithwick for number of winning rides. Fenwick retired with five.



■ Polish Numbers drew off to an impressive lead among Maryland's freshmen sires when his first starter, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Fowler's Foolish Pole, scored at first asking at Keeneland in April.

(Editor's note: Foolish Pole went on to win or place in 11 stakes and earn \$445,849. Polish Numbers continues to rank among Maryland's leading sires, nearly three years after his untimely death in November 2002.)

■ The outstanding Maryland-bred filly Urbane, having three times lost close decisions in Grade 1 company to champion Serena's Song, gained a dominating victory in the Grade 1 Ashland Stakes at Keeneland.

From the first crop of Maryland sire Citidancer, Urbane was purchased by owners Jan, Mace and Samantha Siegel for \$25,000 at the 1993 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall yearling sale, and went on to earn \$1,018,568.

25 YEARS AGO

■ Weber City Miss, destined to become one of Maryland's all-time star race mares and producers, served notice of her emerging talent with victories in the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2 and Hilltop Stakes.

A daughter of Berkley Prince, who stood at the C. Frank Hopkins family's Elberton Hill Farm in Darlington,

Md., Weber City Miss was bred and raced by James P. Rasnick, a retired Chrysler Corporation employee who claimed her dam, Esirnus (by Sunrise Flight), for \$5,000 at Pimlico eight years earlier.

Weber City Miss went on to win or place in 34 of 40 starts, including a victory in the Grade 1 Beldame Stakes and a second in the Alabama Stakes-G1.

She produced as her first foal multiple Grade 1 winner Slew City Slew (\$1,166,296).

■ Maryland-breds tightened their grip on the Pennsylvania

Derby, inaugurated the year before with a \$150,000 purse, making it the richest race in the state.

Lively King, bred and owned by Frank A. Bonsal Jr., won the 1980 running in a performance that added luster when one of the also-rans, fifth-placed Temperance Hill, went on to an \$108 upset in the Belmont Stakes. Smarten took the first edition.

■ With her mighty five-time Horse of the Year Kelso enjoying a quiet life as a pensioner on her Woodstock Farm in

Chesapeake City, Md., Allaire duPont continued to search for the next big one.

She came up with a talented sprinter in the 1975 gelding King's Fashion, whose dam, Maid of Fashion (by Mongo), was a half-sister to Kelso.

King's Fashion, who got his third stakes score (all at six furlongs) in the William Almy Jr. Handicap at Suffolk Downs, would never rival Kelso's fame. But his success was nonetheless gratifying for duPont, who campaigned both his dam and his sire, King's Bishop.

50 YEARS AGO

■ In a history-making move, the English Jockey Club granted its official sanction and approval to Laurel Race Course's Washington, D.C., International.

Recognition had also been secured from the Societe d'Encouragement of France (the French Jockey Club), assuring the status of the world's first truly international race.

Established by Laurel president John D. Schapiro, the invitational event to take place in the fall would be the fourth running of the mile and a half, weight-for-age race.

■ Excitement was building over the prospects for a match race between 3-year-old archrivals Nashua and Swaps.

Nashua—the blue-blood owned by William Woodward Jr. and trained and ridden by Hall of Famers Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons and Eddie Arcaro—had avenged the more plebeian Swaps's victory in the Kentucky Derby by winning the Preakness and Belmont

Stakes (races for which Swaps had not been nominated).

Pimlico was a strong candidate to serve as the site for the head-to-head contest.

(Editor's note: The controversial match between the future Hall of Famers took place August 31 at Washington Park in Chicago, with Nashua demonstrating his supremacy over Swaps, whom many observers reported was sore.)

■ Nearly all of the season's potential champions made an appearance at one of Maryland's tracks—Bowie, Laurel or Pimlico—during the spring.

The lineup included such venerable names as Helioscope,

Social Outcast, Fisherman, Boston Doge, Saratoga, High Voltage, *St. Vincent and Nashua.

(Editor's note: Two were named champions at year's end: Nashua, horse of the year and champion 3-year-old; and *St. Vincent, champion turf horse.)

■ J. Fred Adams, one of the founding fathers of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, died after a lengthy illness. Adams had bred, owned and trained horses since 1911, and had helped to set the focus for the MHBA—the first state breeders association in the country—when it was established in 1929.

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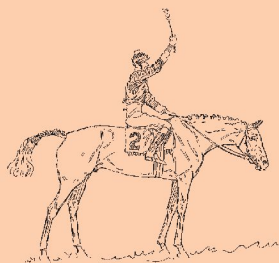
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Make Me a Champ wins wild Maryland Hunt Cup

Story by Joe Clancy Jr.
Photographs by Douglas Lees



From left: Diane and Irv Naylor, Joe and Blythe Davies with son Teddy, Bruce Miller and Eleanor Schapiro.

At four miles and 22 fences, the Maryland Hunt Cup stands as the most arduous of American steeplechases.

Owner Irv Naylor, a Hunt Cup enthusiast for most of his 70 years, has long considered the race a quest. He won the 1964 Western Run Plate (on the undercard of the Maryland Grand National) aboard *Arthur, a New Zealand import he also owned, and has been chasing Maryland timber success ever since.

He's posed for winner's circle photos after the Virginia Gold Cup, Grand National, My Lady's Manor and other important races on the steeplechase circuit. But never for a Maryland Hunt Cup. Until 2005.

Make Me a Champ made Naylor a Hunt Cup winner by surviving a wild renewal of the timber classic at Glyndon on April 30. Three horses lost their jockeys, and eventual third-place finisher Lil Starvin

Marvin crashed through the third fence on the rain-drenched course. The winner, a 14-year-old son of Salutely trained by Bruce Miller and ridden by Joe Davies, survived it all with good jumping, bottomless stamina, timely positioning and enough speed to edge 2004 race winner Bug River by a half-length at the finish.

"Of course I'm thrilled. It's the highlight of my timber racing," said Naylor. "I've



Make Me a Champ (left) and rider Joe Davies showed true grit in gaining a narrow decision over Bug River.

lengths from front to back, with Make Me a Champ still stalking Lil Starvin Marvin.

Across Tufton Avenue and to the water jump, the race was still in doubt. Swayo made a bid for the lead and was in front at the 22nd (the water) when he bobbled and lost jockey Charlie Fenwick III. Bug River inherited the lead and looked poised for a repeat win in the race, though Make Me a Champ, Rosbrian and Lil Starvin Marvin were still in contention. At the last fence, Bug River held a short lead, but Davies was in a steady drive and getting results.

Make Me a Champ challenged Bug River at the top of the stretch and inched past in the final yards. It was five lengths back to Lil Starvin Marvin, who was a nose in front of Rosbrian at the wire.

"Coming to the water jump, Swayo sort of stopped, and that gave Bug River a great opening and he opened up on us," Davies said. "But Champ is a good race horse, and he's had a long history of running hard down the stretch and just getting it. So I thought that if we could get close. . . I wanted it badly."

The win was Davies's third in the race, and completed a special double. Make Me a Champ won the 2002 Virginia Gold Cup with Davies's wife, Blythe Miller, aboard, and became just the sixth horse to turn the Gold Cup/Hunt Cup double. The 43-year-old jockey needed all the experience and advice, plus the extra help of a personal trainer hired this winter, to put Make Me a Champ alongside previous dual winners Sugar Bee, Von Csadek, Tong, *Lancrel and Billy Barton in steeplechase history.

"All the foxhunting and all the experience I've had with the horse, all the advice from my wife and her dad [the trainer] and everybody—that all helped," said Davies. "But every little ounce of every experience and everything I've ever done I needed to get down that stretch."

For Bruce Miller, it was Hunt Cup number three af-

ridden [in the Hunt Cup] four times and we probably had 15 entries."

Naylor has had a dozen Hunt Cup entries since 1988—Probon, Daydream Believer, Kevin (twice), Sortov, Jamaica Bay, Uncle Uno, Emerald Action (twice), Stage Radiance and Make Me a Champ (twice). The owner has had at least a dozen more horses who began their steeplechase careers with the Hunt Cup in mind but never made it to the big race. In 1999, Naylor was paralyzed in a fall aboard Emerald Action at the Grand National while prepping for the Hunt Cup.

"I was entered to ride in the race in 1953, but the horse had a hematoma on his knee after the Grand National and he didn't run, so it's meant a lot to me for a long time," said the owner. "Why? It's the toughest. Why do people want to climb Mount Everest? It's the Holy Grail. You don't want to sound demeaning to the other races, but I always thought they were just practice. The Hunt Cup is the one I want to win."

The 2005 Hunt Cup began with seven starters, and seem-

ingly enough rain to fill the Loch Raven reservoir. Given the weather, the field proceeded at a deliberate pace early. Lil Starvin Marvin (Billy Meister) wound up in front, and took the field to the famed third fence after crossing Tufton Avenue. Blame the rain—or whatever—but the horse slipped on takeoff and slid into the 4'10" fence. The force snapped a post between two panels of fence and dropped eight rails to the ground in a tumble of lumber. Through it all, Meister stayed aboard, and Lil Starvin Marvin continued on his way. Blackchesters (GB) (Jason Griswold), Rosbrian (Ire) (Gordon Elliott) and Make Me a Champ each tiptoed through the rails and stayed in the race. Narrow River, far away from the mess, lost jockey Alex Robertson at the third nevertheless.

From there, the race resumed at its steady cadence. Lil Starvin Marvin stayed in front, followed by Make Me a Champ, Bug River, Rosbrian and two-time Hunt Cup winner Swayo. Blackchesters fell at the 14th. Approaching the final four fences, the field bunched, no more than six



Lil Starvin Marvin and rider Billy Meister recover from near disaster at the third fence. The horse slipped on takeoff and slid into the 4'10" fence, his hind legs going beneath the rails that were tumbling to the ground.

ter Solo Lord in 2001 and Our Steeplejack in 1985. The trainer credited Davies and the hard-charging horse, but a key decision to run at My Lady's Manor instead of the Grand National may have also proven to be the difference. Two weeks' rest between races (as opposed to just one for the second, third and fourth finishers) left Make Me a Champ fresh enough to battle the elements of the Hunt Cup.

"I was instructed by Bruce to get to know him and avoid all the traffic and just have a nice opportunity," Davies said after a second-place finish behind Pleasant Parcel in the Manor. "He jumped great, but I left a little too much to be done—I'm afraid I might have disappointed the owner because if I would've ridden him a little differently, he might have been closer and would have had a better chance of winning. But I rode him with the thought of getting to know him for the Maryland Hunt Cup."

Make Me a Champ was bred in Maryland by Bill Rickman, a product of Salutely and

the Anticipating mare Make Happen. The chestnut raced on the flat, winning three races (at or near the bottom levels) in 1994 and 1995, before being purchased by Naylor as a steeplechase prospect. Make Me a Champ began his timber racing career in 1999, ending a four-year break from competition, and finished third in a maiden timber race at My Lady's Manor with Naylor aboard for trainer Lisa Parker.

The next year, Make Me a Champ joined Miller's barn and won a maiden timber at Great Meadow. The horse graduated to stakes winner in his next two seasons—taking the Genesee Valley Hunt Cup (2001) and the Virginia Gold Cup (2002), before going winless (with a near miss in the Gold Cup) in 2003. His 2004 season included a Grand National win among three spring starts.

Naylor bought the horse from Carl Schaeffer, master of the Mount Carmel Hounds in Green Spring Valley, after Schaeffer and his wife Mary had trouble getting Make Me

a Champ to transform from race horse to foxhunter.

"Carl called me about the horse, and as soon as he said he was by Salutely (sire of timber star Saluter), I said I would come take a look at him," said Naylor. "Carl wanted \$15,000 and I offered \$10,000, so we settled on the middle at \$12,500. I have now stopped teasing Carl for overcharging me.

"He was an awful nice horse before he did this, but this made it all even better," said Naylor. "His name is an oxymoron, because he's already a champ to me."

Bug River came up just short of a Hunt Cup double. The 12-year-old came to the Hunt Cup as a deserving favorite after being considered an outsider in 2004. He produced a similar effort, just missing the win.

"It was great. My horse tried really hard, ran really hard, jumped really well," said his rider Blair Waterman. "We had a few altercations out there—a loose horse almost T-boned me at the 15th, and that

was a bit awkward. But they caught up at the last second. The stretch run turns downhill, and they got running."



In addition to joining the other five timber legends to have won the Virginia Gold Cup and the Maryland Hunt Cup, Make Me a Champ gained admittance to an even rarer club.

Make Me a Champ won the Gold Cup in 2002, the Grand National in 2004 and now the Hunt Cup. Just one other horse, Billy Barton, who swept all three in the same season (1926) has turned that triple. 🍀

MARYLAND HUNT CUP (Glyndon, April 30), 4 miles over timber, 5 & up. Purse \$65,000. Time: 9:48½. Winning margin—½-length. 1-Irvin S. Naylor's MAKE ME A CHAMP (ch.g. 14, Salutely—Make Happen, by Anticipating; bred by William M. Rickman in Md.); trainer F. Bruce Miller; rider Joe Davies. 2-Northwoods Stable's Bug River; Regina Welsh; Blair Waterman. 3-Mrs. William D. Class Jr.'s Lil Starvin Marvin; William S. Meister trainer/rider. Also ran: Rosbrian (Ire), Swayo (lost rider), Blackchesters (GB) (lost rider), Narrow River (lost rider).

Grand National

Story by Joe Clancy Jr.
Photographs by Douglas Lees

Despite losing his jockey before the race ever began, Rosbrian (Ire) put on a stellar jumping and running display while winning the \$30,000 Grand National timber stakes at Butler on April 23.

Owner George Mahoney routinely imports Irish amateur Gordon Elliott to ride the timber stalwart, and planned to do so again until Elliott ran into immigration snags and couldn't leave Ireland.

No problem—Charlie Fenwick III stepped into the saddle, and capably at that.

Rosbrian stayed out of trouble at the last fence, where leader Bruno Castelli fell while two lengths clear, and outlasted Bug River to win by a head in a thriller.

The last fence decided the race. Bruno Castelli (Chris Lyons) parlayed his pacesetting chores into a big lead and was still in command approaching the final jump. Then he fell. Just behind the leader, Bug River (Blair Waterman) lost precious momentum while dodging the fallen horse and jockey. Rosbrian, meanwhile,



Charlie Fenwick III guides Rosbrian (Ire) over the fourth fence en route to a slim victory in the Grand National timber stakes at Butler.



Sky and Sea (Billy Meister) takes the final fence on his way to victory over lone rival Coal Dust in the Benjamin Murray Memorial.



Sixteen-year-old Irish-bred Young Dubliner (Todd McKenna) took the Western Run Plate for owner/trainer Katherine McKenna.

jumped away from the traffic and had a clear run to the finish.

Fenwick spent much of the race manufacturing a good trip for the bay Irish import, who won for the first time in two years.

"We had a good start and were in great position," Fenwick said. "We were right behind Bruno Castelli, who was setting a good pace. The times I've done well here, I've gotten into a groove and jumped well, and that was what I was concentrating on. And he really couldn't have jumped any better."

In 2004, Rosbrian finished third in the race to Make Me a Champ, and then was third in the Maryland Hunt Cup (and disqualified to fifth for interference).

Bruno Castelli led for most of the Grand National's three and one-quarter miles, opening up 15 lengths on the field at one point. Rosbrian, Lil Starvin Marvin (Billy Meister) and Bug River caught the frontrunner on the backside before Bruno Castelli pulled away again heading to the second-last. It looked as if Lyons and his 10-year-old mount had wrapped up their first stakes win when they fell at the final fence.

"We just hunted around there, and I asked him a few times to see how much horse I had and I had plenty of horse," said Fenwick, "so I just sat right near Bug River and figured I'd go when he did. . . I couldn't quite keep up with him—he was a little bit faster than me, but we were still right there, tracking him a length and a half behind."

While Fenwick vied with Bug River, he was worried about whether either of them could catch Bruno Castelli.

"My horse was jumping well and going well," he said.

"I think we benefited from the horse falling in front of [Bug River] at the last fence, but that's racing, I guess. . . My owner assures me that I was going to win," said Fenwick. "I had a lot of horse, and he was going really well. But it was kind of a sprint race—we were going really fast."

Despite the jockey change, Rosbrian thrilled his owner.

"I did not expect to win because there were seven horses in that race, and any one of them could have won," Mahoney said. "And it just so happens that today, my number came up."



A week earlier at My Lady's Manor, horses trained by Billy Meister and Tom Voss dueled in an entry-level timber race, with Voss's Equistar taking a decision over Meister's Classic Cal.

At Butler, Meister got revenge as Sky and Sea outran the Voss-trained Coal Dust to win a \$15,000 timber allowance (the Benjamin Murray Memorial) in a match race, thanks to five scratches from the program.

Owned by Lucy Goelet and Frank Bonsal, Sky and Sea led throughout but had to withstand a late challenge from Coal Dust (Waterman). The latter closed the gap to two lengths late, but bobbled over the third-last and settled for second—two lengths behind the winner.

Bonsal was overjoyed with the win, and hoped it was a sign of big things to come—the 2006 Maryland Hunt Cup, perhaps. Sky and Sea opened 2005 with a point-to-point win at Howard County, then fell at Elkridge-Harford while in front.

"This is a horse that Lucy and I bought two years ago," Bonsal said. "Last year, he had a wind problem. He ran here last year in this race and finished way back, so we decided to stop training him. He was operated on for the wind problem, and we brought him back this winter. He ran brilliantly."



In a long timber career, Irish-bred Young Dubliner has done just about everything—he won an NSA championship, captured the Maryland Hunt Cup, won a walkover, won in South Carolina.

Add a victory in the NSA foxhunters' division to his resume. The 16-year-old, owned and trained by Kathy McKenna, set most of the pace and won comfortably by 22 lengths over Ivorgorian. McKenna's husband, Todd, rode the winner and passed the credit to his horse.

"It was such a treat," he said. "I did not touch him the whole way. Coming up to the last, he pricked his ears, but it was pretty anticlimactic—we came across the finish line almost at a trot. He went around there like he was just having fun—that's the most beautiful thing. There wasn't any conflict. We had a great time."

GRAND NATIONAL (Butler, April 23)

Grand National, 3¼ miles over timber, 5 & up. Purse \$30,000. Time: 6:15½. Winning margin—head. 1-Rosbrian Farm's ROSBRIAN (Ire) (b.g., 10, Husyan—Garryduff Lass, by Green Shoon; bred by E. Beecher in Ireland); trainer Casey Randall; rider Charles Fenwick III. 2-Northwoods Stable's Bug River; Regina Welsh; Blair Waterman. 3-Mrs. William D. Class Jr.'s Lil Starvin Marvin; William S. Meister trainer/rider. Also ran: Dr. Ramsey, Bruno Castelli (fell), Charlie's Dewan (pulled up), Brankman (lost rider).

Benjamin H. Murray Memorial, 3¼ miles over timber for non-winners of two sanctioned races over timber, 5 & up. Purse \$15,000. Time: 6:51. Winning margin—2 lengths. 1-Lucy A. Goelet's SKY AND SEA (ch.g., 11, Sky Classic—Diamond Coast, by Coastal; bred by Windfields Farm in Ontario); William S. Meister trainer/rider. 2-Armata Stable's Coal Dust; Thomas H. Voss; Blair Waterman.

Western Run Plate, foxhunter's chase, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up. Purse \$7,500. Time: 6:51½. Winning margin—22 lengths. 1-Katherine N. McKenna's YOUNG DUBLINER (Ire) (dk.b./br.g., 16, Strong Gale—Desert Maid, by Proverb; bred by W. Roche in Ireland); owner; rider Todd McKenna. 2-Benjamin H. Hardaway III's Ivorgorian; Dorothy F. Smithwick; Mason Hardaway Lamp. Also ran: Make Your Own (fell), Hot It Up (off course).

My Lady's Manor

Story by Joe Clancy Jr.
Photographs by Douglas Lees

Just when you think you're on top, they knock you back down again. Jackie Gleason probably said it a thousand times. He wasn't talking about Maryland timber racing—though he might have been describing the 2005 My Lady's Manor timber stakes.

In command and heading toward the stretch and a seemingly sure win, Sham Aciss fell at the second-last fence. Augustin Stable's Pleasant Parcel capitalized on the mistake, and galloped in with an easy score in the \$25,000 stakes on April 16 in Monkton.

Pleasant Parcel and amateur jockey Stewart Strawbridge continued their climb through the timber ranks. Last year, they competed in the NSA foxhunters' program—a series of highweight races for amateur owners/jockeys—and wound up division champions.

In their final 2004 start, they knocked off eventual timber champion Bubble Economy in an open timber race at the Colonial Cup meet. And took aim at 2005.

In the Manor, Pleasant Parcel, trained by Sanna Hendriks, faced a solid field that included stakes winners (and Maryland stalwarts) Make Me a Champ, Narrow River and Sam Sullivan, plus the rising talent Sham Aciss. Though her jockey (and stepbrother) gives away experience, Hendriks has confidence in the team.

"Stewart's done a great job—I think that's his fourth win on him," she said. "He does a lovely job on him. [Pleasant Parcel's] a lovely galloper, and you kind of have to use that to your advantage, and I think Stewart does that well."

Narrow River led early, and tried to hasten the pace. With five fences left, Pleasant Parcel and Sham Aciss vied for the lead before the latter took

over and started to open up on the field. Sam Sullivan (Blair Waterman) and Make Me a Champ (Joe Davies) made runs, but Sham Aciss (Paddy Young) pulled away, and was in hand heading to the second-last, where he fell. Pleasant Parcel shook free from the others, cleared the final fence alone and drove home with a three and a half-length win.

Strawbridge wasn't so sure that Sham Aciss had the victory sewn up.

"Sham Aciss came beside me and then moved in front of me going to the 13th, which I was happy about," Strawbridge said. "He took the lead down the hill and he moved away from me a little bit, but we were jumping great, and I thought we had plenty of time. I asked him once we made that final turn into the straightaway, and then Sham Aciss fell at the second-to-last. [Pleasant Parcel] had plenty of gusto, and I hardly asked him except for a couple of times when I thought, 'They might catch me—I better keep on riding.' I had plenty of horse under me, and he jumped great."

A 9-year-old son of Pleasant Tap, Pleasant Parcel finished fourth in the Manor in 2004 (under Jody Petty), but went on to finish a strong second in the Virginia Gold Cup and win the Radnor Hunt Cup. Then owned by Landslide Farm, the Kentucky-bred was sold to the Strawbridge family as a good partner for Stewart (who had done little race-riding to that point). They won twice last fall in the foxhunters' series, and closed the season with a dramatic score at the Colonial Cup versus professional jockeys. That was the jockey's biggest victory until the Manor.

"At Camden, he jumped well, and I had plenty of horse," Strawbridge said. "I



My Lady's Manor contenders (from left): Pleasant Parcel (winner), Narrow River, Kebo Valley and Sam Sullivan.



Owner George Strawbridge and trainer Sanna Hendriks hold My Lady's Manor trophy following Pleasant Parcel's victory with amateur rider Stewart Strawbridge aboard.



Equistar (right) took the John Rush Streett Memorial for owner Betty Merck, trainer Tom Voss and rider Blair Waterman.



felt like I had so much horse under me today, though—maybe more than I did at Camden, because I barely got him pulled up here. I hardly asked him today, he was just moving so easy. It was a fun trip."



The Fields Stable's Equistar embarked on a third career in the Manor's \$10,000 maiden timber race, the John Rush Streett Memorial. Trained by Tom Voss, the tall son of Coz-

zene has won on the flat, has captured two hurdle races (one while setting a track record at Saratoga) and now moved on to timber competition.

Consider it a success. Equistar (Waterman) let Classic Cal (Billy Meister) open a big lead, but caught up by the last

fence and surged late to win by a neck. Five horses started in the race, but only those two finished. Speed made the difference.

"I think that's why we were able to inch it out at the end," Waterman said. "He's just a very talented horse. He's enormous. He's got such a huge stride, and he's a great jumper. But when we were running down along (Jarrettsville Pike), Billy kept turning around, and I had a lot of horse left and I knew it. We came out of the turn and jumped the second to last, and I thought, 'He's not stopping.' He went so fast early on, I was sure he was going to slow down, but then I got worried—I wasn't until then, though."

Equistar has been on the shelf for almost two years with tendon problems, but seems recovered. Owner Betty Merck was happy to see her star back doing what he loves.

"He's the most loveable horse, and he's beautifully

trained and he has all the heart in the world," she said. "He missed the last fence and lost a little momentum, but he kept going, picked it up and went on. He's a horse you can really love. He's enjoying life again and we are too."



Augustin, Hendriks and Strawbridge were back in the winner's circle two races after their My Lady's Manor win, as timber rookie Invest West rolled home with a foxhunters' timber victory. The Grade 1 hurdle winner defeated Blackchesters (GB) (Jason Griswold) and Young Dubliner (Ire) (Todd McKenna).

Young Dubliner led the way for much of the first two-plus miles, before Invest West zoomed to the front. His rivals weren't done, however, and the trio jumped the second-last as a team. Invest West emerged with a short lead, carried it over the last and won by a half-length.

Invest West wasn't the first choice to replace Pleasant Parcel as Strawbridge's mount in the foxhunters' division.

"Stewart schooled him a lot this winter and he gets along with him great. But ordinarily I wouldn't put him on that green of a horse," said trainer Hendriks. "He's run some really nice races, but timber is different. He jumped perfectly today. It seems like he's jumping better and better every time. He's folding better, and when he sees a big four-rail, he really measures it up and really gets tight."

MY LADY'S MANOR
(Monkton, April 16)

My Lady's Manor, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up. Purse \$25,000. Time: 6:24. Winning margin—3½ lengths. 1-Augustin Stable's PLEASANT PARCEL (dk.b./br.g., 9, Pleasant Tap—Center Box, by Run the Gantlet; bred by T.M. Evans in Ky.); trainer Sanna Hendriks; rider Stewart Strawbridge. 2-Irvin S. Naylor's Make Me a Champ; F. Bruce Miller; Joe Davies. 3-Mrs. George W. Robertson Jr.'s Narrow

River; owner; Alexandra Robertson. Also ran: Sam Sullivan, Sham Aciss (fell), Kebo Valley (lost rider).

John Rush Streett Memorial, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up, non-winners over timber. Purse \$10,000. Time: 6:08½. Winning margin—neck. 1-The Fields Stable's EQUISTAR (b.g., 8, Cozzene—Alinda, by *Vaguely Noble; bred by Verne H. Winchell in Ky.); trainer Thomas H. Voss; rider Blair Waterman. 2-Mrs. William D. Class Jr.'s Classic Cal; William S. Meister trainer/rider. Also ran: Make Your Own (lost rider), Plenty of Sweets (fell), Goldridge (Ire) (fell).

John D. Schapiro Memorial, foxhunters' chase, 3 miles over timber, 5 & up. Purse \$7,500. Winning margin—½-length. Time: 6:16½. 1-Augustin Stable's INVEST WEST (dk.b./br.g., 10, Private Account—Seattle Way, by Seattle Slew; bred by George Strawbridge Jr. in Pa.); trainer Sanna Hendriks; rider Stewart Strawbridge. 2-Jack S. Griswold's Blackchesters (GB); owner; Jason Griswold. 3-Katherine N. McKenna's Young Dubliner (Ire); owner; Todd McKenna.

Kate Sharon contributed to articles on the Hunt Cup, Grand National and My Lady's Manor.

Preliminary point-to-points

by Kate Sharon

HOWARD COUNTY-IRON BRIDGE

The Maryland point-to-point season kicked off on March 23 with the 63rd running of the Howard County-Iron Bridge race meet. Held at Meriwether Farm in Glenelg, the races were marked by good fields packed with talented horses gearing up for their 2005 campaigns.

In the first jump race of the year, Sky and Sea captured the Howard County Hunt Cup for trainer/rider William Meister, narrowly beating Irish-bred Ballyvalogue (Charlie Fenwick III). Timber veteran Neruda (Remy Winants) was third.

Meister found Sky and Sea racing over hurdles for trainer Jonathan Sheppard and the powerful flat stable of Crystal

Springs Farm (R.D. Hubbard). Now owned by Lucy Goelet and Frank Bonsal, the 11-year-old started in National Steeplechase Association company once last year before it was discovered he had a wind problem, Bonsal said. The son of Sky Classic underwent surgery to correct the problem, started training again this past winter and proved that he was ready to return to action with the win at Howard County.

Sky and Sea used the point-to-point win as a springboard to NSA success when he scored at Butler in April.

Three horses started in the Alda Clark Plate novice timber, and Sportsman's Hall's Private Attack proved the best. The 6-year-old, ridden by Paddy Young, defeated Class Crimson (Winants) and Gla-

cial Times (Michael Harris) by three and a half lengths.

Alicia Murphy has trained Private Attack for a little more than a year, and has watched the former polo prospect turn into a race horse with a future.

"He's a lot of fun," Murphy said. "He's the kind of horse that, every day, I'm glad I have him to get on, because he does whatever you want him to."

Private Attack trained well leading up to Howard County, but Murphy was still skeptical about how he'd do in the race. The horse washed away her doubts with what she termed a "brilliant" performance.

The last jump race of the day, the Founders' Cup foxhunters' timber, went to trainer/rider Rod Cameron and Dr. and Mrs. Mike Ellis' Bronze Key, who won by a half-length

over owner/rider Serena Martin's Six Four Kilo.

GREEN SPRING

The fourth running of the Green Spring point-to-point at Shawan Downs on April 2 was marred by rainy weather, which made the going muddy and deep, and forced numerous scratches.

The Worthington Bowl heavyweight owner-rider event turned out to be a match race between Blackchesters (GB) and Hot It Up. Jack Griswold's 12-year-old Blackchesters came out the victor with Jason Griswold in the saddle.

The Green Spring Valley Hunt Cup open timber race also had just two starters, but in this event no one lost. Laurence Oster's Make Your Own and Rosbrian Farm's Rosbrian (Ire) dead-heated for the win in a match-up of timber horses of varying degrees of experience.

Make Your Own was making his third start over the timber after being purchased from trainer Jonathan Sheppard

last year, while Rosbrian has jumped some of the toughest timber courses in the country. Trained by Charlie Fenwick Jr. and ridden by Danielle Brewster Oster, Make Your Own hung with the veteran (ridden by Charlie Fenwick III) and they finished together.

Rosbrian, trained by Casey Randall, went on to win the Grand National timber stakes and place fourth in the Maryland Hunt Cup. Make Your Own struggled in his first two NSA starts, but won a maiden timber at the Virginia Gold Cup on May 7.

Fenwick was first attracted to the breeding of Make Your Own last summer. The 7-year-old is a son of Turkoman, who also sired Buck Jakes—a two-time Maryland Hunt Cup winner whom Fenwick trained.

"From a breeding perspective, he looked good," Fenwick said. "I had bought his half-brother several years ago and liked him."

Fenwick has a good memory, because the half-brother was Bob Bailey (the first foal out of Better to Be Lucky), who raced for him in the early 1990s.

Fenwick scored again in the Daniel Baugh Brewster Memorial novice timber race with Wings of Oisin (Charles Fenwick III). The 7-year-old son of Cozzene coasted to an easy 12-length win, soundly defeating King Frost (Mark Griffiths), the only other finisher in the five-horse field.

ELKRIDGE-HARFORD

On April 9, Monkton's Elkridge-Harford point-to-point hosted some of the season's brightest prospects, as it has been doing for more than 50 years. The Edward S. Voss Memorial open timber was a who's who of timber racing. Entries included last year's Maryland Hunt Cup winner Bug River, two-time Hunt Cup winner Swayo, last year's Virginia Gold Cup winner Joe At Six and 2003 NSA timber champion Charlie's Dewan, among others.

Northwoods Stable's Bug River (Blair Waterman) took

the first-place trophy in a tuneup for the rest of his season. Charlie's Dewan (Brian Korrell) ran second, and Swayo (Charles Fenwick III) finished third.

Armata Stables's Coal Dust won the George C. Clement Memorial novice timber race, beating Invest West (Stewart Strawbridge). Twill Do, trained and ridden by Meister, finished third.

The race was the first try over timber for both Coal Dust and Invest West. The former won two races as a 3-year-old hurdler in 2002 for trainer Tom Voss, and looked like a timber horse even then. The 6-year-old son of Miner's Mark was bred by Dumbarton Farm, and raced on the flat for trainer Jimmy Murphy.

Back in 2002, when Voss and Murphy were at the Maryland Hunt Cup together, Murphy mentioned a potential steeplechaser in his barn at Laurel, comparing the strapping bay to multiple timber winner and rawboned Irish-bred Young Dubliner. Three years later, Coal Dust is a timber horse.

Invest West's story is even more dramatic. He won a Grade 1 over hurdles for Augustin Stable and trainer Jonathan Sheppard—and is a half-brother to a \$3 million Saratoga sales yearling. Perpetually plagued by tendon issues, the 10-year-old son of Private Account and the Seattle Slew mare Seattle Way converted to timber for trainer Sanna Hendriks this year.

Rounding out the jump races at Elkridge-Harford, New Adventure Farm's Surprise a Friend won the B. Frank Christmas Memorial owner/rider timber contest. Hazel Annis had the ride.

MARLBOROUGH

There were plenty of horses for good races at the April 10 Marlborough hunt races in Davidsonville. The John D. Bowling Memorial maiden hurdle was a starting point for the up-and-coming charges of some of today's leading steeplechase trainers.

Circa Farms's Noble Bob (Clayton Chipperfield) won the race for trainer Ricky Hendriks, beating Aluckyperk and Class Park. Noble Bob went on to break his maiden under rules at Foxfield in Virginia.

Private Attack (Paddy Young) returned to the races in the Benjamin H.C. Bowie Memorial novice timber and won again. In the process, he beat a competitive field of 10, including Regal Again (Robert Massey) and No Fast Moves (Chris Read).

In the Raborg Memorial maiden hurdle race, Sara Lyn Stable's Brazilian-bred Quem Se Atrave (Tom Foley) defeated Latino (Per) (Willy Dowling). The one-two finishers were both trained by Jack Fisher, and were converted from the flat this winter. General Roanoke (Robert Walsh) finished third.

Fisher went one-two again in the John Murray Begg Memorial timber with Happenstance Stable's Sham Aciss (Paddy Young) and Bubble Economy (Tom Foley). Bad Dog Press finished third.

Last year, Sham Aciss started his season with a win in the maiden race at My Lady's Manor, then followed with a third in the Virginia Hunt Cup.

Bubble Economy also had a good 2004 season, winning a timber stakes and collecting two seconds and two thirds en route to the NSA timber championship.

POTOMAC

The 53rd running of the Potomac hunt races, held May 15 in Seneca, was a day for women trainers. Dot Smithwick and Lilith Boucher won two each on the card.

Virginia resident Smithwick captured the first and second divisions of the Alice Keech Perpetual Plate maiden hurdle race. The first division originally went to Irish Embassy (Brooks Durkee), but he was disqualified and placed third for interference at the last fence. John Pettibone's Marine (Danielle Hodsdon) picked up the win, and Turning Night (Jeff Murphy) finished second.

Marine started his racing career on the flat, breaking his maiden in 2002 as a 6-year-old first-time starter at Churchill Downs for Smithwick's son Speedy before moving on to a steeplechase career with three NSA starts last year.

Smithwick's second win came with Two Minute Warning (Murphy). Owned by Mary Fleming Finlay, Two Minute Warning defeated Brands Hatch by three-quarters of a length. Riderwood was third.

Runner-up Brands Hatch is a 4-year-old with a noteworthy pedigree—he's by A.P. Indy out of a Mr. Prospector mare, a full sister to champion sprinter Gold Beauty. Trainer Jimmy Day was pleased with his charge's race, especially considering the only reason the horse started steeplechasing was to try to bring back his flat form.

"He's an underachiever, but he's a pretty nice horse," Day said. "He has a nice pedigree. On the flat he was so badly behaved that we tried schooling him to change his attitude."

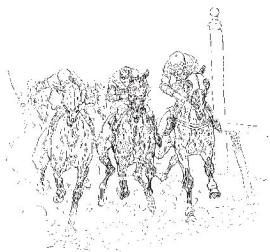
The Potomac Perpetual Trophy open timber was the first of Boucher's double. Class Crimson, ridden by Boucher's husband Richard, took first place, with Fields of Omagh second and Private Attack third.

Wish You Well Stables's Why Not Baby continued the Pennsylvania-based Bouchers' winning ways in the General H.H. Semmes Perpetual Trophy open hurdle race with a two and a half-length victory over One Sea, with Oobitwa third.

Only one of the two horses to start in the Seneca Valley Perpetual Cup novice timber race finished—Felix Nuesch's Ambitious Decision (Murphy).

The 11-year-old came to trainer Day this past winter with one distinction—he'd never started a race.

"He never started before, not ever," Day said. "But he's a good jumper—maybe a little too cautious actually, the way he gets up over the fence. But he's a good horse."



MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS



JIM MCCUE

Celtic Innis



Maryland Stallion Station Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 furlongs, registered Maryland-bred and/or Maryland Million nominated 3-year-olds. Pimlico, April 23.

Dk.b./br.g., 2002, by Yarrow Brae—Harp Innis, by Phone Trick. Bred by Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Murray Jr.; owned by E. Allen Murray Jr.; trained by Timothy L. Keefe. Foaled at Murmur Farm, Darlington, Md.

Lifetime					
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
7	3 (1)	1	2	\$99,090	
(through April 23)					

2005: 1st \$100,000 **Maryland Stallion Station S**, 6 furlongs, registered Md.-bred and/or Maryland Million nominated 3-year-olds, Pimlico, April 23.

Celtic Innis, a 3-year-old gelding by Yarrow Brae, gave longtime Maryland breeders Allen and Audrey Murray their first victory in a \$100,000 stakes when he prevailed by three-quarters of a length in the Maryland Stallion Station Stakes.

Part of Maryland's Spring Festival of Racing on April 23 at Pimlico, the Maryland Stallion Station was worth \$50,000 for runners eligible to either the Maryland Fund program or the Maryland Million—and \$100,000 for those fitting both criteria.

Celtic Innis is a homebred raised at the Murrays' Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md., which also is home to his sire.

Sent off as an outsider at 12.7-1 odds in a field led by proven stakes winner and 7-5 favorite Maddy's Lion, Celtic Innis stalked the early pace set by Sarah's Prospect and runner-up Mojodajo before taking command near the sixteenth pole. His final time for the six furlongs was 1:12.30.

Monster Chaser rallied to finish third, followed by, in order of finish, Maddy's Lion, It's Time to Smile, Late Night Lover and Sarah's Prospect.

It was the seventh career start, and third win, for Celtic Innis. He broke his maiden in his third start, a maiden special weight at Pimlico on December 31, and scored by two and a quarter lengths in allowance company on March 31 at Laurel, his last start before the Maryland Stallion Station. The stakes win boosted his earnings to \$99,090.

The Murrays purchased Celtic Innis's dam, Harp Innis (by Phone Trick), for \$47,000 at the 1997 Keeneland November sale. Celtic Innis is her third foal and first stakes performer.

Harp Innis has a yearling colt by Crypto Star and a Louis Quatorze colt at her side. She was bred back to Yarrow Brae.

Silmaril



Northview Stallion Station Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 1/8 mi., registered Maryland-bred and/or Maryland Million nominated fillies and mares, 3 & up. Pimlico, April 23.

Dk.b./br.f., 2001, by Diamond—Kattebuck, by Spend a Buck. Bred and owned by Stephen E. Quick and Christopher J. Feifarek; trained by Christopher W. Grove. Foaled at St. Omer's Farm, Forest Hill, Md.

Lifetime					
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
13	8 (5)	1	1 (1)	\$347,110	
(through April 23)					

2004: 1st \$75,000 **Jameela S**, 7 furlongs, registered Md.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Feb. 15; \$100,000 **Maryland Million Oaks**, 1 1/8 mi., 3-year-old fillies sired by eligible Md. stallions, Pimlico, Oct. 9; \$100,000 **Geisha H**, 1 1/8 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, Dec. 11. **2005:** 1st \$75,000 **Nellie Morse S** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1 mi., fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 29; \$100,000 **Northview Stallion Station S**, 1 1/8 mi., registered Md.-bred and/or Maryland Million nominated fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, April 23; 3rd **Barbara Fritchie H-G2**.

Silmaril got her fifth career stakes win in the Northview Stallion Station Stakes on Maryland's Spring Festival of Racing day, April 23, at Pimlico.

The ultra-consistent filly, who races as a homebred for Steve Quick and Chris Feifarek, was rated the second choice behind even-money favorite He Loves Me, the champion Maryland-bred 3-year-old filly of 2004.

But Silmaril bowed to no one in the mile and an eighth race for Maryland-bred and/or Maryland Million eligible

runners, charging to the lead in the final three-sixteenths and crossing the wire a length and a half to the good of runner-up Grant's Moon. It was five and a quarter lengths back to third-place finisher Chrusciki, followed by He Loves Me and Jennaslilprincess. Final time was 1:53.71, and Silmaril paid \$5.80 to win.

Silmaril had made her two most recent starts in graded company, after winning back-to-back stakes at Pimlico and Laurel in December and January. She was third, beaten six and a half lengths, behind Cativa and Sensibly Chic in the Barbara Fritchie Handicap-G2 at Laurel on February 19, and fourth, two and a quarter lengths behind the winner Bank Audit, in the Distaff Breeders' Cup Handicap-G2 on March 26 at Aqueduct. Both of those races were at seven furlongs.

The Northview Stallion Station Stakes victory boosted Silmaril's earnings to \$347,110 from 13 career starts.

Silmaril (by Diamond) is a granddaughter of the grand Maryland-bred race mare Kattegat's Pride. The first race horse bred by Quick and his wife, Sue, Kattegat's Pride was a state-bred champion three of the four years she raced (1982 to '84). Silmaril's dam Kattebuck (by Spend a Buck) is Kattegat's Pride's only daughter. Kattebuck produced Silmaril as her fifth foal and first stakes performer. She has a full sister to Silmaril at her side, and was bred this season to Not For Love.



JIM MCCUE

Maryland farm worker nominated for award recognizing heroism

Kyle Howard, a Maryland racing farm worker who rescued an injured neighbor from the top of a barn silo ladder, has been nominated to Race Track Chaplaincy of America's 2005 White Horse Award.

In February, Maryland farm owner Jim Welling, 73, was inside the top of a narrow silo, freeing a stuck machine, when his pants caught on a piece of metal and his 200 pounds eventually forced him backward down the narrow silage chute. It was 9 a.m., he was out of sight and both his wife and son were not expected back until early evening. Welling was upside down, more than 50 feet above metal machinery. Worse, he was choking and about to lose consciousness.

Howard, 58, who works for nearby Cross Ties Farm, said

that for reasons he never understood, he insisted on going to Welling's Farm for hay that morning in place of his 112-pound boss, Susan Dunham. And when Howard couldn't find Welling, he called his boss, who insisted he "keep looking."

Finally, over the noise of a running tractor, Howard heard Welling's weak cries. "It shocked the heck out of me," said Howard, a farm worker since he was 12. "I could hear him choking and gasping for air."

Howard climbed the tiny ladder, saw Welling's condition, then climbed down and used his cell phone to call for help. Without considering his own safety, Howard climbed back up and wedged his body sufficiently to lift Welling's head and shoulders, allowing him to breathe. Welling was

barely conscious, and the two exchanged only a few words.

Howard said it took more than an hour for the local fire department to reach the remote farm and get Welling into a harness and safely lowered to the ground. All the time, Howard was perched high above the ground on a narrow metal ladder rung. He held Welling up so long, his feet became completely numb.

Howard said he never considered staying on the ground. While he admits a misstep or a slip under Welling's heavy weight could have sent him plunging into the machinery at the skinny ladder's bottom, he feels uncomfortable with the title of hero.

"I never thought about falling," he said. "All I could think about was keeping him alive until we could get him out of there. I just did a good

deed. It was nothing fantastic."

The third annual White Horse Award for heroic acts by racing farm and backstretch workers will be presented at Belmont Park on October 27. The winner will receive a \$5,000 cash award and a white bronze White Horse Statue. Four finalists will earn all-expenses-paid trips to the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships, and each of the three runners-up earns \$1,000.

For more information or to nominate someone for this award, contact the Race Track Chaplaincy of America at (310) 419-1640, or e-mail edonally@racetrackchaplaincy.org.

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Maryland Stadium Authority pursues plans for horse park

The Maryland Stadium Authority has announced that it will conduct feasibility studies in connection with a proposed Maryland Horse Park. These studies will be undertaken in furtherance of the recommendations of the Department of Agriculture's Maryland Horse Industry Board and with the support of the Department of Business and Economic Development. The horse park will be designed for use by the citizens of Maryland, as well as to create an attractive tourism destination for out-of-state visitors.

A request for nomination of real property (RFNRP) for the proposed horse park has been issued to counties and municipa-

lities throughout the state. It calls for not less than 500 contiguous acres, but preferably 800 to 1,200 acres with easy access to a major highway. The horse park is expected to be used for steeplechase, eventing, foxhunting, endurance riding, dressage, show jumping and similar show ring-oriented sports, polo, Western/rodeo, carriage driving, jousting, police horse training, trail riding and pony rides.

The scope for the project will include at least one enclosed 5,000-seat arena; an outdoor amphitheater for equestrian competitions, festivals, fairs, trade shows and concerts; six to 12 outdoor show rings; and from 800 to

1,200 stalls. The horse park will be designed to appeal to the horse show market.

The horse park is expected to include concession areas, campgrounds, a visitors' center, plus business offices for organizations representing veterinarians, farriers, breeders and equestrians. A museum to celebrate the history and tradition of the horse industry in Maryland, and an equine retirement center, will further enhance this project as a tourist attraction. The proposed horse park also will be used for structured educational programs and conferences.

The site should be within 15 to 30 minutes of local amenities (restaurants and lodg-

ing) and provide adequate parking for recreational vehicles, horse trailers and the personal vehicles of prospective patrons. Training and other private recreational facilities could be incorporated to expand the appeal of the horse park.

The feasibility studies will determine the best location for a horse park, a preliminary plan, initial schedule, budget and the economic benefits to Maryland resulting from the creation and operation of this facility.

For more information contact Rob Burk, executive director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board, at (410) 841-5861.



MARYLAND FOAL REPORT

ALINA GATO, by Cozzene, dk.b./br.c., April 7, by Seeking Daylight. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Mutakddim.

ALWAYS ASKING, by Valid Appeal, b.f., March 26, by Malibu Moon. Thornmar and Country Life Farm. Mare to Great Notion.

AMAZING LADY, by Dehere, ch.c., April 29, by Not For Love. Barbara Graham and Dumbarton Farm.

AMERI BRASS, by Ameri Valay, b.f., March 3, by Parker's Storm Cat. Memory Lane Farm.

AMPLE, by Dahar, b.c., February 25, by Rock Slide. Jim Steele. Mare to Rock Slide.

AMPLE'S STAR, by Risen Star, b.f., February 28, by Eastern Echo. Jim Steele. Mare to Purple Passion.

APRIL GATOR, by Green Alligator, b.f., April 23, by More Than Ready. Buckingham Farm.

BAL DU BOIS, by Balzac, dk.b./br.c., February 17, by Malibu Moon. Country Life Farm and Elsie Thompson. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

BLUE SKY PRINCESS, by Conquistador Cielo, b.f., March 7, by Forestry. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Malibu Moon.

BLUSHING MARY, by Arazi, b.c., March 19, by Lion Hearted. James Arrison.

BULLET ALDEN, by John Alden, b.c., March 3, by Mojave Moon. John Phillips.

CANBY ROAD, by Comical Clown, b.f., March 20, by Parker's Storm Cat. Peter Burnett. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

CARNA, by Dehere, b.c., April 8, by Louis Quatorze. Cary Jackson.

CHAPTER SEVEN, by Clever Champ, b.c., April 24, by Parker's Storm Cat. Jean B. Morris. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

CHILLING PROSPECT, by Allen's Prospect, dk.b./br.c., February 11, by Partner's Hero. Longwood Stables. Mare to Harlan's Holiday.

CHURCH, by Lord Gaylord, ch.f., April 23, by Disco Rico. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. Mare to Mojave Moon.

COUNT COLORS, by Chenin Blanc, b.c., April 4, by Louis Quatorze. Barbara Graham.

COUNTRY LIFE MISS, by Citidancer, b.f., March 31, by No Armistice. Jean B. Morris. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

COURT TOUR, by Polish Numbers, b.f., February 13, by No Armistice. David Daniel. Mare to No Armistice.

CRUELLA, by Tyrant, b.f., February 10, by Malibu Moon. Country Life Farm and Grade One LLC. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

CRYING IN THE RAIN, by Baederwood, gr./ro.c., March 17, by Waquoit. Thornmar. Mare to Two Punch.

DANCING DIXIE, by Citidancer, b.c., March 29, by Lion Hearted. Stephen Russek.

DARA GOLD, by Stop the Music, b.c., March 10, by Lion Hearted. Northview Stallion Station.

DECEMBER EMBER, by Lord Gaylord, b.f., March 24, by Not For Love. Thornmar. Mare to Bowman's Band.

DECK GAME, by Waquoit, b.c., April 7, by Diamond. Wirth Brothers. Mare to Domestic Dispute.

DEER CHASE, by Irish Tower, dk.b./br.c., March 18, by Parker's Storm Cat. Thornmar. Mare to Outflanker.

DESIGNER ORIGINAL, by Masked Dancer, gr./ro.f., April 28, by Diamond. Herbert Keil.

DINGLE DANDY, by Conquistador Cielo, b.f., January 29, by Belong to Me. Dumbarton Farm. Mare to Belong to Me.

DOUCE DOUCE, by Bold Ruckus, gr./ro.c., April 22, by Two Punch. Thornmar. Mare to Lion Hearted.

DREAMS OF GLORY, by Seattle Slew, b.c., March 31, by Dixieland Band. Dumbarton Farm. Mare to Silver Deputy.

DUCK'S FOLLY, by Two Punch, b.f., April 6, by Rock Slide.

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. Mare to Jazz Club.

DUCK THE PUNCH, by Two Punch, b.f., April 20, by Outflanker. Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. Mare to Rock Slide.

EESEE'S LASS, by Deputed Testimony, b.c., February 1, by Not For Love. Brooke D. Gentner. Mare to Lion Hearted.

EILEEN R, by Cozzene, ch.f., March 24, by Not For Love. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Smart Strike.

ENDETTE, by Thirty Eight Paces, ch.f., March 6, by Crowd Pleaser. King T. Leatherbury. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

FAIRWAY SCENE, by Cozzene, b.c., April 16, by Outflanker. Carey K. Miller. Mare to Lion Hearted.

FIRST SAIL, by Baederwood, b.c., March 28, by Eastern Echo. Harry E. Dimitriou. Mare to Limit Out.

FOOLISH KISSES, by Cannonade, b.f., April 3, by Partner's Hero. Philip J. Torsney Jr. Mare to Not For Love.

GALA RUNAWAY, by Runaway Groom, b.f., March 10, by Unbridled Jet. Gordon Wheeler.

GAME HIT, by I Am the Game, b.c., April 3, by Not For Love. Wirth Brothers. Mare to Diamond.

GARDEN WALL, by Lord Gaylord, ch.f., April 5, by Eastern Echo. Nancy Martin Roberts. Mare to Will's Way.

GEMSTONE'S JEWEL, by Clever Trick, b.f., March 29, by Outflanker. Preston I. Moffett. Mare to Outflanker.

GLEAMING VALAY, by Ameri Valay, b.f., March 14, by Diamond. Memory Lane Farm. Mare to Rock Slide.

GOOD FORECAST, by Caveat, gr./ro.c., April 9, by Two Punch. Ryehill Farm.

GREEN DARLIN, by Green Dancer, b.f., April 27, by Quiet American. Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to Indian Charlie.

HANNERLY, by Dancing Count, b.f., April 6, by Seeking Daylight. Jim Steele.

HEAVENLY GIRL, by Elocutionist, b.c., April 8, by Disco Rico. Carol Linton.

I AM TOO, by I Am the Game, dk.b./br.f., March 18, by Lion Hearted. K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc. Mare to Jazz Club.

I'LL NEVER FORGET, by Blushing John, b.f., March 6, by Milwaukee Brew. Thornmar. Mare to Louis Quatorze.

JEALOUS SWORD, by Crusader Sword, b.f., May 2, by Tactical Cat. Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to Stormy Atlantic.

JOY OF LIFE (Ire), by Dance of Life, b.f., April 19, by Mojave Moon. Ryehill Farm.

JULIETS SEQUENCE, by Christopher R., b.f., April 6, by Eastern Echo. John A. Hartner.

KAT MURAT, by Oh Say, b.c., April 7, by Not For Love. Thornmar. Mare to Not For Love.

KAY ELAINES CHAMP, by World Stage (Ire), b.c., March 8, by Purple Passion. Stella Kavazis. Mare to Purple Passion.

KNOW B'S, by Island Whirl, b.c., April 21, by Louis Quatorze. Thornmar. Mare to Seeking Daylight.

LADY BEAUMONT, by Lord Gaylord, b.c., April 22, by Mojave Moon. Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. Mare to Two Punch.

LADY BERING, by Lord Gaylord, b.f., April 18, by Outflanker. Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. Mare to Rock Slide.

LADY TIARA, by Vice Regent, b.c., March 12, by Not For Love. Cary Jackson.

LASTING TUNE, by Prospector's Music, b.c., March 22, by Ameri Valay. Memory Lane Farm. Mare to Rock Slide.

LAST VERSE, by Opening Verse, b.f., March 21, by Seeking Daylight. Nancy Lee Farms.

LA TOOTS, by Gold Fever, dk.b./br.c., April 3, by Tiger Ridge. Jennifer Jones.

LI LAW, by Known Fact, b.f., April 18, by Broken Vow. Mark O'Donnell.

LILYCAKES, by Allen's Prospect, b.f., April 20, by Partner's Hero. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Go for Gin.

LOUD STORM, by Storm Creek, b.f., March 11, by Outflanker. Magalen O. Bryant. Mare to Bowman's Band.

MADDY'S TERMS, by Private Terms, b.f., March 28, by Lion Hearted. D.J. Federico.

MARSHYHOPE, by Temperance Hill, b.c., April 10, by Not For Love. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Mojave Moon.

MASTER FEET, by Thirty Eight Paces, b.c., February 22, by

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MEMORIES OF MADRID, by El Gran Senor, b.c., March 25, by Two Punch. Bruce Smart.

MIDNIGHT RIDE, by Opening Verse, b.f., April 27, by Eastern Echo. Richard Sanders.

MILLASHAND, by Regal Intention, b.c., April 3, by Harlan's Holiday. Cary Jackson.

MINE MINE MINE, by Personal Flag, b.c., April 14, by Outflanker. Robert Ingham. Mare to Diamond.

MISS SAY GOODBYE, by Ogygian, b.f., April 28, by Lion Hearted. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mailley Jr. Mare to Polish Miner.

MONTANA COTTONWOOD, by Horatius, ch.f., April 20, by No Armistice. Thornmar. Mare to Lion Hearted.

MY AUNT DIANNE, by Norquestor, b.c., February 20, by Jazz Club. Jim Steele. Mare to Jazz Club.

MY DANCE, by Rhythm, b.f., April 13, by Partner's Hero. Charles Walters.

MYMET, by Mehmet, b.c., February 27, by Lion Hearted. Clover Hill Racing LLC. Mare to Lion Hearted.

NO BETTOR LOVE, by Not For Love, dk.b./br.c., April 21, by Lion Hearted. Lynda S. Hill.

NO DIET TODAY, by Two Punch, b.f., April 6, by Meadow Monster. Buckingham Farm.

OOPS I AM, by I Am the Game, b.c., February 19, by No Armistice. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mailley Jr. Mare to Louis Quatorze.

PASS THE PLATE, by Aaron's Gold, b.f., April 11, by Appealing Skier. Gordonsdale Farm.

PLEASANT PRANCER, by Pleasant Colony, ch.f., April 10, by Not For Love. Magalen Bryant.

PRESS YOU, by Press Card, b.c., March 17, by Jazz Club. Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. Mare to Bowman's Band.

PRETTY PRINCESS, by Partner's Hero, b.f., February 6, by Eastern Echo. Jim Steele. Mare to Seeking Daylight.

PRIVATE ALLAY, by Miesque's Son, b.c., February 22, by Parker's Storm Cat. Morris Wolf. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

PROSPECTIVE JOY, by Allen's Prospect, ch.c., February 18, by Malibu Moon. Country Life Farm and Joe and Allison Flaherty. Mare to Malibu Moon.

RED VALENTINE, by Dehere, b.c., March 27, by Seeking Daylight. Thornmar. Mare to Rock Slide.

REEVE'S LIB, by Horatius, gr./ro.f., April 28, by Waquoit. Buckingham Farm.

ROOT BEER EYES, by A.P. Indy, ch.f., February 19, by Carson



Brenta (by Compelling Sound) foaled a colt by Bop on March 30.

City. B. Wayne Hughes. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

ROYAL FEAT, by Kingmambo, b.f., April 20, by Hennessy. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Golden Missile.

RUNNIN'S FUN, by Quack, b.c., April 4, by Rock Slide. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mailley Jr. Mare to Go for Gin.

RUTHENWOOD, by Baedewood, b.f., April 22, by Eastern Echo. Thornmar. Mare to Bowman's Band.

SALLY Q, by Norquestor, b.c., April 14, by Outflanker. David DiPietro and Harbor Point Stables. Mare to Rock Slide.

SAMOAN QUEEN, by Touch Gold, b.f., April 2, by Running Stag. Thornmar. Mare to Meadow Monster.

SASSY N' SMART, by Smarten, b.f., March 1, by Polish Miner. David Farrell.

SECRET RIVER, by Secret Odds, b.c., April 27, by Not For Love. Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to Mr. Greeley.

SEPTEMBER SARAH, by Tamayaz, gr./ro.f., March 19, by Ameri Valay. Julie Bassford Bryant.

SHAHRAZAD SKY, by Sky Classic, ch.f., April 14, by Alphabet Soup. Ryehill Farm.

SHEBA SHEBA, by Feel the Power, b.f., March 27, by Unbridled Jet. Peter Burnett. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

SHIFRA, by Polish Numbers, gr./ro.f., March 12, by Two Punch. Northview Stallion Station.

SLEW SUNNY SLEW, by Sunny's Halo, dk.b./br.c., March 19, by Unbridled Jet. Jim Cronk. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

SLIM SHOT, by Brave Shot (GB), ch.c., April 5, by Eastern Echo. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Codd.

SOUNDING JEWEL, by Compelling Sound, b.f., March 22, by Ameri Valay. Memory Lane Farm. Mare to Jazz Club.



Alfred DiRico bred this filly by Disco Rico—Irish Morn (by Irish Empire), foaled at Murmur Farm in Darlington.

STATE STREET MISS, by Cormorant, b.f., April 3, by Runaway Groom. Ryehill Farm.

SWEET TREASURE, by Distinctive Pro, b.c., March 16, by Polish Pro. Cynthia Simmons.

TELL ME ELLIE, by Oh Say, b.f., February 28, by Parker's Storm Cat. Peter Burnett. Mare to No Armistice.

TERRA MARIA, by Citidancer, ch.c., February 7, by Stephen Got Even. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Meadow Monster.

TRAVELLING, by Miswaki, b.c., April 15, by Siphon (Brz). Sondra and Howard M. Bender. Mare to Alphabet Soup.

TRIBAL (Ire), by Namaqualand, dk.b./br.f., February 2, by Unbridled Jet. Emile Bateman.

TRUELY MOLLY, by Jungle Blade, dk.b./br.f., March 5, by Outflanker. Chris Everett. Mare to Rock Slide.

TUF TO CONQUER, by Conquistador Cielo, b.f., March 27, by Parker's Storm Cat. David Daniel. Mare to Parker's Storm Cat.

VALE VALLEY, by Valley Crossing, b.f., March 29, by Two Punch. Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. Mare to Mojave Moon.

VAULTED, by Allen's Prospect, dk.b./br.f., March 1, by Outflanker. Arnold Smolen. Mare to Bowman's Band.

VIDEO SISTER, by Horatius, b.c., March 17, by Disco Rico. Thornmar. Mare to Yarrow Brae.

WAITING FOR SOPHIA (Ire), by In the Wings (GB), b.c., April 5, by Outflanker. Timothy J. Rooney.

WAVERING MARGO, by Never Wavering, b.f., February 24, by Purple Passion. Michael J. Matese. Mare to Jazz Club.

WHATEVER'S FAIR, by Oh Say, b.c., April 7, by Jazz Club. Tantara Stables.

WHITE FENCE, by Graustark, b.c., March 15, by Unbridled Jet. David Ahmadi. Mare to Unbridled Jet.

WIDE RIVER, by Broad Brush, b.f., May 8, by Smart Strike. Sondra and Howard M. Bender.

WISH LIST, by Now Listen, b.f., March 5, by Crowd Pleaser. Mrs. Janon Fisher III.

WUMPS, by Oh Say, b.f., February 23, by Two Punch. Preston I. Moffett. Mare to Seeking Daylight.

YANKEE MAID, by Miswaki, b.f., April 25, by Waquoit. Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright. Mare to Lion Hearted.

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3. Maddalena 129,300	13. Lunachick 71,625
4. Thatswhatimean . 124,325	14. Mojodajo 70,310
5. Declan's Moon ... 120,000	15. Dixie Talking 68,130
6. All the Boys 98,800	16. Glory of Love 64,430
7. Celtic Innis 97,310	17. Procreate 63,850
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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on May 27. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2005

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Louis Quatorze	116	367	40	49	\$1,715,060
Not For Love	126	450	42	59	1,534,150
Allen's Prospect	131	493	44	64	1,171,280
Polish Numbers	91	316	27	37	921,939
Partner's Hero	61	221	29	37	763,109
Two Punch	92	275	26	36	736,027
Citidancer	51	201	23	29	621,822
Yarrow Brae	52	188	26	34	562,026
Diamond	48	180	20	28	535,763
Go for Gin	49	180	11	17	470,423
Carnivalay	49	186	17	23	445,674
Outflanker	54	184	21	25	427,637
Wayne County (Ire)	45	188	19	26	374,291
Meadow Monster	46	180	15	22	360,005
Waquoit	47	166	16	19	346,576
Lion Hearted	23	70	7	12	337,206
Crypto Star	32	131	11	14	272,045
Unbridled Jet	30	95	15	19	253,344
Eastern Echo	44	154	18	23	249,319
Ameri Valay	22	93	6	6	153,956

2-year-old earnings in 2005

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Two Punch	3	4	2	2	\$47,370
Outflanker	5	8	1	1	24,970
†Mojave Moon	6	8	0	0	22,540
Partner's Hero	1	1	1	1	20,400
Citidancer	1	1	1	1	13,680

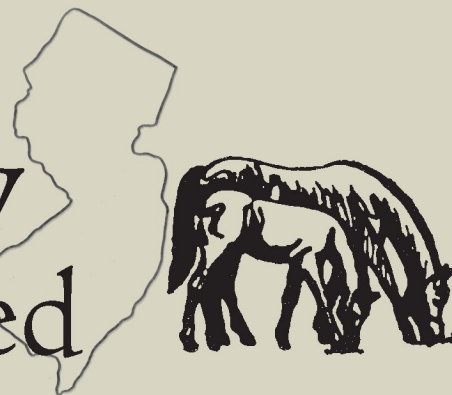
Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	798	18,998	644	2,813	\$44,552,600
Two Punch	617	12,154	484	1,878	36,786,300
Polish Numbers	414	7,499	327	1,126	27,408,700
Carnivalay	472	12,149	384	1,691	27,081,200
Smarten	507	12,317	388	1,687	26,982,900
Horatius	590	14,982	469	1,910	26,137,700
Caveat	365	10,903	294	1,328	25,764,600
Waquoit	409	9,742	316	1,351	23,514,800
Not For Love	289	5,126	225	841	22,651,700
Norquestor	292	8,420	252	1,225	20,646,600
Citidancer	253	5,611	213	995	19,691,100
Eastern Echo	320	6,444	230	880	18,487,500
Deputed Testimony	342	9,772	253	1,353	17,587,900
Oh Say	416	9,882	350	1,460	17,381,500
Shelter Half	300	8,330	243	1,145	14,046,300

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	410	1,411	157	217	\$5,069,870
Two Punch	310	1,008	126	162	4,008,180
Smarten	278	1,195	112	157	3,769,760
Polish Numbers	219	666	79	117	3,498,770
Citidancer	135	509	73	113	2,850,530
Eastern Echo	198	730	67	92	2,810,880
Carnivalay	245	1,001	88	122	2,473,620
Not For Love	125	414	59	77	2,300,460
Waquoit	183	646	54	78	1,797,580
Horatius	267	991	99	134	1,642,260
Caveat	199	847	61	78	1,624,820
Oh Say	151	571	65	90	1,455,410
Louis Quatorze	121	358	32	41	1,452,200
Shelter Half	141	563	67	105	1,383,870
Norquestor	136	508	47	64	1,316,410

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Avery Hall captures Open Mind Handicap

Timber Creek Farms' homebred Avery Hall started the New Jersey racing season in the right direction for her connections by winning the \$60,000 Open Mind Handicap on May 15, opening weekend at Monmouth Park.

The 3-year-old filly by A. P. Jet—Royal Form, by Dynaformer, took command from the start of the six-furlong contest and dominated 10 older rivals, finishing five lengths ahead of second-place finisher Cigno d'Oro. Smart N Classy was third.

"I wasn't too worried about her facing older fillies and mares today because she's such a nice filly," said winning trainer Cynthia Reese. "Today she proved that she has the ability to compete at this level. We'll probably look for another stakes race, but it all depends on how she comes out of this one."



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Ridden by Harry Vega, Avery Hall has now won three of her five career starts and earned \$105,700.

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New Jersey Thoroughbred brings state's industry into focus

The *New Jersey Thoroughbred*, a publication of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey, features in-depth articles by the publication's editor and award-winning writer, Bill Finley, and nationally recognized sports journalist Bill Handleman.

The May/June issue focuses on Monmouth Park and the steps the track is taking to prepare for the 2007 Breeders' Cup. Also featured is an interview with Acting Governor Richard Codey, and articles on Dennis Dowd, senior executive vice-president of racing for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition

Authority, trainer James Ryerson, and Everett Novak of New Farm.

The *New Jersey Thoroughbred* also includes articles on New Jersey farms and their importance to the racing and breeding industry in the Garden State, along with complete details on rule changes governing the state's comprehensive breeder awards program.

For a copy of the *New Jersey Thoroughbred*, call the TBANJ at (732) 870-9718 or contact us by e-mail at info@njbreds.com.

2005 Mare and Foal Show

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey will hold its annual Mare and Foal Show and Yearling Show at the Horse Park of New Jersey on Sunday, August 21.

Cash awards for the Mare and Foal Show will be as follows: \$400 to the winner; \$300 for second place; \$200 for third place; and \$100 for fourth place. These awards will be paid in all three classes.

The cash awards for the Yearling Show will be as follows: \$600 to the winner; \$400 for second place; \$300 for third place; and \$150 for fourth place. Awards will be paid in both classes with an additional \$1,000 for grand champion and \$500 for reserve champion.



2004 yearling grand champion by Awad—Double Greatness, by Great Above, was bred by Perfenick Farm. *Imaginequus, David L. Adams photo*

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Top 3-year-old has N.J. connections

Lost in the Fog, an undefeated multiple graded stakes winner and earner of over \$417,075, has a New Jersey influence in his pedigree.

His dam, Cloud Break (by Dr. Carter) was foaled in this state for breeders Bright View Farm and Gainesway Thoroughbreds. The mare, who was unraced, is out of Grade 2 winner Wistful, who is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Luminaire and stakes winner Tank's Number. All were foaled in New Jersey and bred by Bright View Farm.

Wistful amassed 12 wins in her 29 career starts and earned \$413,082. Her eight stakes victories included the Hempstead Handicap-G2. Luminaire had seven wins, including victories in the Long Look Handicap-G2 and Matchmaker Stakes-G2, and finished her career with earnings of \$179,358. Although not a graded stakes winner, Tank's Number won five races, two stakes, and earned \$182,417.

Lost in the Fog, considered the best sprinting 3-year-old so far this season, counts among his six wins the Swale Stakes-G2, Bay Shore Stakes-G3 and Golden Bear Breeders' Cup Stakes, in which he set a new track record at Golden Gate, completing the six furlongs in 1:07.32 while romping home by 10 lengths.

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THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

July 2005

News & notes from the board

The Board of Directors has announced the presentation of the second annual \$1,000 NCTA scholarship for an equine-oriented veterinary student at the North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine. Accepting on behalf of the college, Richard A. Mansmann, VMD, Ph.D., thanked the NCTA for the gift and stated that one of the goals of the college is to attract good candidates with a strong scholarship program, and lessen the debt burden for graduates.

The Board also set its objectives for 2005:

1. To increase awareness of the Thoroughbred industry among North Carolina legislators and government officials.
2. To promote each member of NCTA within the membership as well as through the Mid-Atlantic.
3. To increase the role for the NCTA, making it more relevant to all members.
4. To increase the sense of community among the Thoroughbred owners in North Carolina—to share the fun.

Another "Day at the Races" is being planned for the Colonial Downs meet. Watch the Web site and your mail for further updates.

Hoofprints

Jerry Pace of Charlotte, N.C., reports that his mare Spin Around, by Commadore C., is back in foal to Helmsman at Pegasus Ranch. Other foals Pace owns out of the mare are: the 2-year-old colt Thorpe, by Artax, who is being aimed for the Del Mar meet; 3-year-old filly Oval Star, by Mud Route, in training at Pegasus Ranch; and a yearling filly by Slewvescent.

Joanne and Sandy Dew of Delco, N.C., have two 2-year-olds in training in Aiken, S.C.: the colt Thalian Hall (Theatrical-Ire—Cozy Blues, by Cure the Blues) and filly Belle de Guerre (Southern Halo—Bucking the Odds, by Spend a Buck). Their 3-year-old Livingston Creek (Fit to Fight—Phone Chances, by Phone Trick) was due to make his first start in late May at Arlington Park.

As for the Dews' mares, Cozy Blues, a graded stakes winner, foaled a Forestry colt in late April; Phone Chances had a late-April filly by Changeintheweather; and Bucking the Odds was due in May to the cover of Artax.

Hubert Vester of Spring Hope, N.C., tells us that his mare Russian Bride, by Saratoga Six, had a Fusaichi Pegasus filly on April 16 and will be bred to Grand Slam; her 6-year-old son Rushin' to Altar, by Pulpit, was second in the Grade 2 Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup

Handicap on April 3 at Santa Anita. Tango Passion, by Tabasco Cat, was bred to Golden Missile following a March foaling of an Honour and Glory colt. Boney, by Jade Hunter, foaled an Officer filly in January and was bred to Cryptoclearance.

Vester's 3-year-old filly Sassy Acting (Out of Place—Boney) is with trainer Johnny Burk at Churchill Downs and ready to race in the near future.

Tom Hendrickson of Zebulon, N.C., purchased three yearlings last fall at the Fasig-Tipton Eastern Fall Yearling sale, and all of them are training well.

The lineup consists of House Cat (c., Tactical Cat—Take Me Home, by Housebuster); Sara's Fling (f., Eastern Echo—See Sea Sara, by Carnivalay); and Jill's Foxie Lady (f., Editor's Note—Two Foxie, by Fair Skies). The last named is a half-sister to graded winner Madalena (by Good and Tough).

As for Hendrickson's runners, Fair Storm, a 4-year-old gelding by Storm Broker, won a six and a half-furlong maiden race at Charles Town on March 4. Fair Storm finished second in his next start on March 31, and was claimed. Star-crossed Native, a 4-year-old gelding by Valley Crossing, won a mile and an eighth claiming race at Charles Town on April 17 by nearly

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nine lengths, and he too was claimed next time out, on May 8.

In the breeding shed, Banker's Silver (by Banker's Gold) was due this season to Louis Quatorze; the foal is a result of a foal sharing between Chandley Farms LLC and Hendrickson Farms. The mare will be bred back to a stallion at O'Sullivan Farms in West Virginia, where she is boarded.

An upgrade of the training track at Hendrickson Farm has been completed and will allow for the conditioning of some outside horses.

Mona Gardella of Aberdeen, N.C., reports that her mare Legendary Miss (by Gold Legend) foaled a

Millions colt on May 6 at Loraine Roe and Renee Romeo's Ontrack Thoroughbred Training Center in New York. Also, she has begun prepping eight syndicated yearlings going to auction this fall.

Tom and Mary Lou Teal of Oxford, N.C., provided a foal report for their Walnut Hill Farm: A colt by Jazz Club—Lusty Girl, by Goldlust, born April 16; mare bred back to Jazz Club. A filly by Not For Love—Mumtaj, by Tralos, born April 30; mare bred back to Seattle Fitz.

Lucy Taylor of Mocksville, N.C., moved her freshman stallion Gold I. D. (Caller I. D.—Prissy Gold Digger, by Red Ryder) to November Hill Farm in Pennsylvania to finish out the breeding season.

Her mare Canela Mar, by Vanlandingham, is carrying a Gold I. D. foal. Also, her mare Sisaroo (by Northern Raja) has delivered a colt by P Fifty One.

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S.C.-based owner pursues Derby dreams

The SCTOBA congratulates its board member John Fort on his outstanding record of participation in the Kentucky Derby.

John Fort's Peachtree Stables has had three starters in the last five years.

Peachtree's Coin Silver ran 12th in this year's Derby but was beaten by only 10 lengths. He earned a spot in the Derby by winning the Grade 2 Lexington Stakes at Keeneland in April.

Peachtree's Invisible Ink finished second in the 2001 Derby; the stable sent out Wild Horses in 2002.



Elizabeth and John Fort were aglow over Kentucky Derby starter Coin Silver.



Gwen and Lee Christian cheered for Coin Silver in the Run for the Roses.



Tom and Frances LaRoche and Gwen and Lee Christian (from left) savored the atmosphere of the Kentucky Derby.

Racing news

The SCTOBA congratulates these recent South Carolina-bred winners:

American Prince, 1998 g., Miner—Raise a Prince, by Raise a Bid. Bred by Bobby Nelson. Delaware Park, 4/30.

Big Wolf, 2000 m., Kokand—Wolf Tree, by Wolf Power (SAf). Bred by O.H. Wienges & Son. Suffolk Downs, 5/3.

Carolinia Miner, 2000 g., Miner—My Eleanor, by Lydian (Fr). Bred by Outaways Farm. Indiana Downs, 5/7.

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Fooles, 2000 g., Kokand—
Oldsquaw, by Cormorant. Bred by
Harriett Delaney. Charles Town, 4/27.

Glory Morning, 2002 f., Kokand—
Cally, by Salt Lake. Bred by Kitty
Mackie. Charles Town, 5/4.

Kardinal, 2001 g., Kokand—
Cairina, by First Sea Lord.
Bred by Camden Stud LLC.
Penn National, 5/7.

Minersdixgirl, 2001 f., Miner—
Need Some Relief, by Old Broadway.
Bred by Mary Wagers. Charles Town,
5/5.

Peaceful Presence, 2001 f.,
Play Both Ends—Ella Claire, by
Kokand. Bred by Steve Epley Jr.
Charles Town, 5/5.

Plumpish, 2002 f., Valiant Lark—
Plump, by Kokand. Bred by O.H.
Wienges & Son. Pimlico, 4/27.

The Basket Weaver, 2002 f.,
Ride the Storm—Sweetgrass, by
Kokand. Bred by Franklin G. Smith.
Charles Town, 5/4.

West Roma, 2002 f., Go West—
Roman Title, by Roman Diplomat.
Bred by Glenview Farm.
Finger Lakes, 5/6.

SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENCY RACES

WHERE: Philadelphia Park
PURSE: \$40,000-guaranteed
WHEN: November 5, 2005
DISTANCE: 6¹/₂ furlongs
ELIGIBILITY: Open for 2-year-olds of 2005 who have spent at least 90 days in South Carolina by June 30, 2005, and have been made eligible through payment of a nomination fee to South Carolina TOBA.

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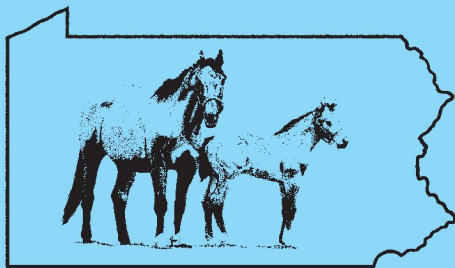
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PHBA 2005 Dates Of Interest

Saturday, July 23	Pennsylvania's Day at the Races - Philadelphia Park - Noon
Monday, August 1	Final Scheduled Deadline for Registration of PA-Bred Foals of 2004
Friday, December 30	Early Scheduled Deadline for Registration of PA-Bred Foals of 2005
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Race Date	Track	Name of Race	Eligibility/Distance	Value
Fri May 20	Penn Nat'l	DANZIG Stakes	3yo, c&g, 6 fur.	\$40,000 added
Fri May 27	Penn Nat'l	WONDERS DELIGHT Stakes	3yo fillies, 6 fur.	\$40,000 added
Sat Jun 11	Phila Park	PEPPY ADDY Stakes	3yo, c&g, 7 fur.	\$50,000 added
Sat Jun 25	Phila Park	FOXY J. G. Stakes	3yo fillies, 7 fur.	\$50,000 added
Sat Jul 2	Phila Park	LYMAN SPRINT Stakes	3yo & up, 7 fur.	\$50,000 added
Pennsylvania's Day at the Races*				
Sat Jul 23	Phila Park	*ROBERT W. CAMAC Memorial Stakes	3yo & up, 5 fur., turf	\$50,000 guar.
Sat Jul 23	Phila Park	*MRS. PENNY Stakes	3yo & up, f&m, 1-1/16 mi., turf	\$50,000 guar.
Sat Jul 23	Phila Park	*AMBASSADOR OF LUCK Handicap	3yo & up, f&m, 7 fur.	\$50,000 guar.
Sat Jul 23	Phila Park	*DEVIL'S HONOR Handicap	3yo & up, 6 fur.	\$50,000 guar.
Sat Jul 23	Phila Park	*FLATTERER Steeplechase Stakes	3yo & up, 2-1/16 mi., hurdles	\$50,000 guar.
Sat Jul 23	Phila Park	*IROQUOIS Handicap	3yo & up, 1-1/16 mi.	\$50,000 guar.
Fri Aug 26	Penn Nat'l	MISSY GOOD Stakes	3yo & up, f&m, 6 fur.	\$40,000 added
Fri Sep 2	Penn Nat'l	CAPITAL CITY Handicap	3yo & up, 1-1/16 mi., turf	\$40,000 added
Sat Oct 8	Phila Park	PISTOL PACKER Handicap	3yo & up, f&m, 1-1/16 mi.	\$50,000 added
Sat Nov 19	Phila Park	PENNSYLVANIA Nursery Stakes	2yo colts & geldings, 7 fur.	\$50,000 added
Fri Nov 25	Penn Nat'l	BLUE MOUNTAIN Juvenile Stakes	2yo fillies, 6 fur.	\$50,000 added
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FROM THE VIRGINIA THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

TVG, XpressBet approved in Virginia

The Virginia Racing Commission has approved two new applications and renewed another for advance deposit account wagering. TV Games Network and XpressBet received their first licenses, while CDPhonebet, a Colonial Downs product managed by The Racing Channel, has been re-approved.

Last year, Colonial Downs introduced account wagering on an indefinite, limited basis through CDPhonebet. The most recent approval allows CDPhonebet to accept wagers on additional tracks, including those operated by the New York Racing Association.

"That's the plan—to have the account wagering and the satellite wagering facilities work together to create the most revenue to generate purse money," said Virginia Racing Commission chairman Anne Poulson. "I think it was a very good day for Virginia. It gives us three account wagering providers that have experience."

The commission has also approved a new license to operate a second off-track wagering facility in Chesapeake. Colonial Downs opened its first OTB parlor in Chesapeake in 1996.

The new Chesapeake facility will be the eighth facility in Virginia. Currently, Colonial Downs operates six OTB sites in Virginia. The track plans to open its seventh facility in

Henry County (Martinsville) later this year. Plans are moving forward in Scott County, on the Virginia/Tennessee border near Bristol, Tenn., and Westmoreland County, where voters approved off-track betting in a referendum last November.

The new 10,000-square-foot facility in Chesapeake can be expanded with an additional 7,000 square feet, and is located in the Indian River Shopping Center, which is more convenient for patrons in the cities of Virginia Beach and Norfolk. After adjusting the impact on existing wagering facilities in Hampton and Chesapeake, the \$20 million in handle the new facility is projected to generate each year will create \$1 million in additional purse money for live racing, 30 new jobs, more than \$122,000 in local tax revenue, and more than \$405,000 in other state and local tax revenue.

In a related item, Colonial Downs announced that it has purchased land near the Tennessee line in southwestern Virginia to build an off-track betting parlor.

Colonial Downs president Ian Stewart said the track purchased the site on U.S. 23 in Scott County. It is hoped that the location will draw bettors from southwestern Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky.

Secret Impression named Virginia Horse of the Year over fences

Secret Impression, by Secret Hello—Artist's Eye, by Majestic Light, has been named the 2004 Virginia-bred Horse of the Year over fences. The 10-year-old timber specialist was bred by Dr. Calvin E. Rofe.



Secret Impression made three starts in 2004, winning two races and \$42,000. On October 23, he set a course record at Far Hills while winning the \$50,000 New Jersey Hunt Cup in 7:10.20 for the three and a quarter miles. Earlier that month, he won the \$20,000 Ski Windham Genesee Valley Hunt Cup at three and a half miles over timber. Secret Impression is owned by the Stewart Family Stable and trained by Ann D. Stewart. He was ridden in 2004 by Virginian Blair Waterman. Overall, Secret Impression has won eight races and earned \$108,237.

New director of MARE Center

Dr. Gayle Sommer has been named director of the Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension (MARE) Center, succeeding Dr. Wendell Cooper, who was the superintendent from 1993 to 2003, and Dr. Jim Bowen, who served as interim director since March 2004.

The MARE Center is a component of Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Its mission is to perform research on the nutritional needs of animals, particularly studying pasture systems that improve the performance of grazing horses while

at the same time protecting the land. Current research focuses on nutrition, bone growth and development in young Thoroughbreds, the use of electrolytes in the exercising endurance horse, and avoidance of laminitis in the grazing pony.

"Dr. Sommer brings a wealth of training and practical experience to her new post. We are happy to welcome her to Middleburg, and look forward to her coming contributions to the work of our MARE Center," said Tom Beddall, chairman of the Center's advisory board.

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WTO Ruling Raises Issue of Account and Internet Wagering

The recent World Trade Organization ruling in the dispute between Antigua and the United States may have far-reaching consequences for account and Internet wagering on U.S. racing. Most immediately, however, the WTO ruling has provided new fuel for Senator Jon Kyl's longtime opposition to Internet gaming. A current draft of Sen. Kyl's bill now being circulated on Capitol Hill contains no specific carve-out for Internet gaming on parimutuel horse racing. All prior versions of the Kyl bill, which has been introduced on four separate occasions, have included this carve-out. The situation, however, is not as dire as news accounts might indicate.

NTRA has been working closely with Sen. Kyl's staff to review in detail the draft language and explain why a specific carve-out for racing will be necessary to secure the horse industry's support for the bill (and conversely to avoid its opposition to the bill). The association has provided Senator Kyl's office with a summary of those arguments and continues proactive efforts to ensure that horse racing's legislative carve-out is retained and the industry suffers no legislative reversals.

H-2B Visa Reform Latest NTRA Priority to Become Law

On May 11th, President Bush signed the Iraq/Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations bill into law. The bill includes one of the NTRA's top legislative priorities, a measure sponsored by Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) that would address problems created by the limited availability of H-2B visas. Many employers in the Thoroughbred industry who rely on the H-2B programs for semi-skilled immigrant workers for non-agricultural jobs will benefit from the new law.

This year, the number of H-2B visas available for immigrant workers is capped at 66,000. Under the new provision, any foreign worker who has received a visa under the H-2B program in the last three years will be exempt from this cap for the next two years. Each year many trainers, training facilities and other service providers in the industry rely on these workers to fill jobs.

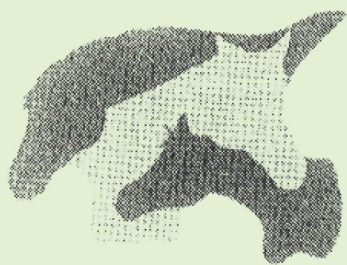
The bill will also provide a more equitable distribution of new visas throughout the year. Beginning in FY 2006, which starts October 1, 2005, half of the 66,000 regular H-2B visas will be issued for the first part of the year and half will be issued for the second part, starting April 1, 2006. This change in distribution will not apply to repeat H-2B workers.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service is expected to issue instructions on filing these applications very quickly. The employer will have to certify that the worker received such a visa in one of the past three years in order for the applicant to be exempt from the cap. Those who use the H-2B program should contact their attorney or business advisor to determine how the change may affect them.

Legislative successes such as these are made possible by voluntary contributions from NTRA members purchasing horses at public auction and registering foals with The Jockey Club. These designated funds flow to the NTRA's Legislative Action Campaign for federal lobbying in Washington, D.C. Donations to the NTRA Political Action Committee (Horse PAC) also enable the Thoroughbred industry to make contributions to national political parties and candidates for federal office who support the industry's legislative agenda.

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THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Jeff Gilleas, writer

July 2005

Racing round-up

Charles Town's stakes schedule has been suspended for 2005, creating a void in the upper echelon and leaving us to focus on the lesser-known, but not less-deserving, candidates.

Eleanor Casey, a driving force behind the success of her family's Taylor Mountain Farm, is recovering from heart surgery, and almost certainly received the greatest medicine when homebred **Hello Out There** crushed his rivals by five and three-quarters lengths in a \$23,000 seven-furlong allowance race on April 29.

The West Virginia-bred gelded son of Lucky Lionel, trained by Eleanor's husband Jim, moved by horses at the quarter pole and held his advantage until the wire, gaining his third career win, all in 2005.

Jim Casey bought the mare Hellohelloworld (by Secret Hello) with Hello Out There in utero, from Adena Springs's annual broodmare sale in Kentucky in November 2001 for \$18,000. From nine lifetime starts, Hello Out There has earned \$67,851.

The attractive dark bay has the look of a would-be titleholder in the restricted ranks. His versatile running style, combined with a relaxed character, bodes well.

Like an old boxer, one veteran claimer got up off the canvas on May 7, and delivered another knockout blow to a field of \$7,500 claimers.

Glides Emigrant suffered through a nightmarish year in 2004, while going 0 for 13 in the win column. The 9-year-old chestnut gelding now has back-to-back wins, and his rejuvenated form is courtesy of trainer James Starkey and jockey Richard Cornwell.

Owned by Lynn and Kevin Anderson, the son of Glide now sports more than \$150,000 in earnings in his home state. The old boy paid a whopping \$48.80.

When **Stormy Bay** strolled home on Friday the 13th (of May), it marked a complete turnaround of character. The nice-looking son of Storm Broker had trailed an identical field of maidens as the 2-1 choice on April 27. After tiring noticeably in his last four starts, the Dick Minard-

trained 3-year-old turned back his field that night, returning \$21.60 for a \$2 ticket.

Hard-riding Gustova Larrosa was aboard the dark horse for owner David Anderson.

The renaissance of **Greenway Diamond** continued in the \$10,000 never-won-three finale on May 14.

Last year, the son of Roxbury Park appeared allergic to the winner's circle. In 12 races, he did manage to come away with two seconds and four thirds. This year, in five attempts the 5-year-old West Virginia-bred has three wins and a second.

Bred by Martha Close, Greenway Diamond has impaired vision, making it complicated at times to battle in traffic. In his latest effort, he had a perfect trip under Sunday Diaz, who has been aboard the dark bay in all of his victories.

The photo finish in Sunday, May 15's sixth race required the placing judges' intricate equipment to separate the dueling opponents. The winner, by the narrowest of margins, was Wind N' Springs Farm's **Curious Indy**. The Freddie Johnson-trained gelding was expertly handled by

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Round-up *continued*

jockey Travis Dunkelberger. The 4-year-old gained his initial win in the mile and a sixteenth maiden race.

Bred by his owners, Curious Indy is by Valid Indy, a son of A.P. Indy standing at Melody Acres Farm in Ranson, W.Va.

It was a bittersweet win in the May 15 finale, as **S S Lucky** drew-off from a full field of 10 in the \$19,000 maiden special weight, winning by five and a quarter lengths. The 4-year-old filly was bred by longtime racing enthusiast Bill Hemp. Hemp was an eternal optimist who sadly

lost his battle with cancer last October.

The gray/roan daughter of Landing Zone was trained by Richard Butts for Hemp's estate. Ridden by Dale Whittaker, the sparingly raced filly seems to be putting all of the pieces to the racing puzzle together.

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June 17 — August 9



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Saturday, June 25, 2005—\$500,000 Guaranteed COLONIAL TURF CUP
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Saturday, July 16, 2005—\$750,000 Guaranteed VIRGINIA DERBY-G3
Early Closing, Sunday, May 15, 2005. For Three Year Olds. One Mile and One Quarter (Turf).

Saturday, July 16, 2005—\$200,000 Guaranteed VIRGINIA OAKS
Early Closing, Sunday, May 15, 2005. For Fillies-Three Year Olds. One Mile and One Eighth (Turf).

Saturday, June 18, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed SPENDTHRIFT FARM JOHN D. MARSH STAKES
Closing Monday, June 6, 2005. For Three Year Olds. One Mile and One-Sixteenth (Turf). Registered Virginia-bred or sired.

Sunday, June 19, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed ADENA SPRINGS OAKLEY STAKES
Closing Monday, June 6, 2005. For Fillies-Three Year Olds. One Mile and One-Sixteenth (Turf). Registered Virginia-bred or sired.

Saturday, June 25, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed BUCKLAND STAKES
Closing Monday, June 13, 2005. For Fillies and Mares-Three Year Olds and Upward. Five and One Half Furlongs (Turf).

Saturday, July 2, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed LAMBHOLM SOUTH BROOKMEADE STAKES
Closing Monday, June 20, 2005. For Fillies and Mares-Three Year Olds and Upward.
One Mile and One-Sixteenth (Turf). Registered Virginia-bred or sired.

Sunday, July 3, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed ASHFORD STUD COOLMORE DANIEL VAN CLIEF STAKES.
Closing Monday, June 20, 2005. For Three Year Olds and Upward. One Mile and One-Sixteenth (Turf). Registered Virginia-bred or sired.

Saturday, July 9, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed DA HOSS STAKES
Closing Monday, June 27, 2005. For Three Year Olds and Upward. One Mile (Turf).

Sunday, July 10, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed STALLION COMPANY W. MEREDITH BAILES MEMORIAL STAKES. Closing Monday, June 27, 2005. For Three Year Olds and Upward. Six Furlongs. Registered Virginia-bred or sired.

Saturday, July 16, 2005—\$200,000 Guaranteed MEDE CAHABA ALL ALONG BREEDERS' CUP-G3
(Includes \$50,000 from the Breeders' Cup Fund) Closing Tuesday, July 5, 2005. For Fillies and Mares-Three Year Olds and Upward.
One Mile and One Eighth (Turf).

Sunday, July 17, 2005—\$50,000 Guaranteed DAVID L. "ZEKE" FERGUSON MEMORIAL-NSA2
Closing Tuesday, July 5, 2005. For Three Year Olds and Upward. Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences (Steeplechase).

Saturday, July 23, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed MORGAN'S FORD FARM SOMETHINGROYAL STAKES.
Closing Monday, July 11, 2005. For Fillies and Mares-Three Year Olds and Upward.
Five and One Half Furlongs (Turf). Registered Virginia-bred or sired.

Sunday, July 24, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed GOSHEN FARM PUNCH LINE STAKES
Closing Monday, July 11, 2005. For Three Year Olds and Upward. Five Furlongs (Turf). Registered Virginia-bred or sired.

Saturday, July 30, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed TIPPETT STAKES
Closing Monday, July 18, 2005. For Fillies-Two Year Olds. Five and One Half Furlongs (Turf).

Sunday, July 31, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed CHENERY STAKES
Closing Monday, July 18, 2005. For Two Year Olds. Five and One Half Furlongs (Turf).

Saturday, August 6, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed CHESAPEAKE STAKES
Closing Monday, July 25, 2005. For Three Year Olds and Upward. Six Furlongs.

Sunday, August 7, 2005—\$60,000 Guaranteed POLYNESIAN STAKES
Closing Monday, July 25, 2005. For Three Year Olds and Upward. One Mile and One-Sixteenth.

FOR REGISTERED VIRGINIA-BREDS:

Every open race at Colonial Downs (except restricted Virginia-bred stakes races) will offer up to an additional 50% supplement to the purse, paying down to sixth place (\$10,000 cap for each award). All registered Virginia-bred or sired horses have preference in all races except stakes if declared at entry.

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